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A BRIDGE BETWEEN!

The New Year is a bridge, between
What we may be — and what we've been!
Forgive us, Lord, where we have strayed,
And guide us onward — unafraid!
(L.M.C.)

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"A HAPPY NEW YOU!"

by MR. ARTHUR ODELL

(Mr. Odell is the Editor of "The Wheelchair Express," the newsy publication of The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto, Ontario. This was his New Year's Editorial in 1963*, and he has kindly permitted us to use it in our New Year's issue this year. Mr. Odell is a wheelchair patient in this Hospital.)*

Soon we shall be wishing all our friends. "A Happy New Year!" We would like to suggest that it would be more to the point if we changed the wish to "A Happy New You," because, in spite of all the good wishes of our friends, the coming year will contain about the same proportion of joys and sorrows, successes and disappointments, fulfilments and frustrations, as any other similar period of time.

Our happiness depends on how we take the ups and downs on the road of life. When we set out upon a journey, we rely for our comfort upon the quality of the springs and shock-absorbers on the vehicle in which we ride, as well as on the condition of the road. Our shock-absorbers for life's journey are the old familiar virtues of faith, hope, and love.

In passing, we should note, that these apply not only to our relationships with our God and our fellow man, but also to ourselves. We can only do what we believe we can. (A visit to the circus will demonstrate this point. If the artists did not have faith in their ability to perform their various acts, they might as well pack and leave.) We have observed that people who have no liking or respect for themselves, have very little for others. If we have no hope for ourselves, well . . .!

The writer has never thought much of New Year resolutions, because if we see the need for a change in ourselves, why wait for the New Year? We are not in the position of the child born on January the first who has to wait a year longer to start school than the one born the day before—Dec. 31st of the previous year!

So we sincerely wish our readers a "Happy New You!" And hope you all return the wish to us!

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

LET THE PSALMS SPEAK, by Dr. Charles L. Taylor

This is a book of great interest and worth, and one which in its interpretation of the Psalms, makes a very valuable contribution to the reading of the Old Testament, and an understanding of the beauty of language and depth of meaning of The Book of Psalms. Dr. Taylor tells us, so truly, "The Psalms speak to all!", and in his scholarly book attempts "to render these Songs of Zion intelligible, in a world which is very different, and yet very like, the world in which they were born. "Although the scene may be 'a strange land,' the people of today are still plagued by the age-old problems common to man, and the Lord God still is no less 'A great King above all gods.' " Some of the material in this book was first given in Lowell Lectures at King's Chapel, Boston; in Birks Lectures at McGill University, Montreal; and at the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Taylor, in his explanations, has followed the Revised Standard, the King James version; sometimes that of the Prayer Book; sometimes he has used his own translations. This is definitely a book for thoughtful studious reading, written by a man who is himself a deep thinker and Bible Student of wide experience. He is not only well known on the Lecture Platform, but was Dean of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, and is now Executive Director of the American Association of Theological Schools.

Price — $3.00

STEWARDSHIP—WITNESSING FOR CHRIST, by Virginia Ely

In these times when "Stewardship" has come to have such an important meaning in the life of all Christians, we hear a great deal about "witnessing by stewardship." Just what does this mean? Too often we think of "stewardship" in connection, particularly, with the apportioning of our money. This is an important aspect of "stewardship," of course, but it is only one part of the great question. In this book, Virginia Ely, who is the well known Author of eight books on Christian living, shows us clearly that it is the total dedication of self in unselfish service which is the true meaning of "Stewardship" and real "witnessing for Christ." In the five Chapters she deals with "Witnessing Through Life; Witnessing Through Time; Witnessing Through Possessions; Witnessing Through Influence; Witnessing Through Personality." Both inspirational and devotional, this book is an excellent medium for quiet reading, or for use in personal or group studies. Price — $2.50

GIFT OF HOPE, by Dr. Wesley P. Ford

This splendid Book of Devotions is a sequel to a previous book, "The Gift of Life," by this gifted Clergyman, and it has been written because Dr. Ford so fully is convinced that "the gift of hope is meant to be the companion of the gift of life" and that "hopeful living is glorious living, filled with courage, commitment and radiance." Within its 95 pages, there are some 30 well-written Chapters which are just the right length and format for either individual or group use. The last five are especially for New Years; Easter; Mother's Day; Thanksgiving; Woman's Day; and Christmas. Some of the other headings are — "Faith that is Hope's Assurance; Of One Who Failed; How High Is Your Garden; Be of Good Cheer; Choosing One's Companions; The Narrow Gate; The High Cost of Christianity; Our Daily Bread; No Balm in Gilead; I Give You What I Have; The Great Business of Life." All are helpful, worth-while, and very delightful reading.

Price — $1.95

COME CREATOR SPIRIT! Prepared by Dr. Terrence N. Tice

Secretary of the World Christian Alliance Department of Theology

This is the theme chosen for the 19th General Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (World Christian Alliance), to be held in Frankfurt on Main., Germany, this coming August, and this is the excellent Study-Guide which has been prepared for the use of all the member-Churches, as they think upon, and consider the depth and meaning of the theme for these important Meetings. It is most valuable reading — a source of authentic information, advance study, and thought. A booklet of 32 pages, it *can* be read through at one sitting, but it is especially prepared for private and group study, and is expected to be used in that way throughout the Churches, especially among the Women's Groups, and all others who desire to share in understanding, and in the faith of our Church. Part One — The Church's Faith in the Holy Spirit — deals with I—"The Spirit; II—The Creator Spirit; III—His Coming; IV—The Prayer, Come!" Part Two—God's Creative Action in the Life of Man—studies I—

"For the Remaking of Man; II—For the Renewal of Worship and Witness; III—For the Calling of the Churches Together; IV—For the Redemption of the world."
Price — .20c

THE PATTERN OF PRAYER, by W. E. Sangster and Leslie Davison

This excellent little book is a compilation of the writings of both these dedicated Christian men — W. E. Sangster, M.A., Ph.D., who is no longer living, and Leslie Davison, B.D., who now carries on his ministry of prayer. Believing devoutly that prayer is basic to all our needs, and that "the chief purpose of prayer is to meet with God and to have fellowship with him," each of the twelve Chapters is a fine exposition of Prayer and its many patterns — "The Basic Need, The Art and Craft of Prayer; The Prayer-Cell; The Perils of Prayer; Prayer and the Bible; The Lord's Prayer; Prayer and the Church. Prayers and Sickness; Spiritual Exercises; The Higher Reaches of Prayer;" and the final Chapter, "Mainly for Ministers." This small volume would be a real value to any Christian worker.
Price — paper .80

THOSE ANNIVERSARIES' SOUVENIRS

Have you seen them yet — those decorative white Place Mats, bearing the W. M. S. crest in blue and gold at the top; the two dates of our Centenary in large blue figures on either side; "The World For Christ" in blue letters across the bottom; a bordering of gold accenting the scallped edge; and pertinent dates of W. M. S. history centring the whole? These cost 75 cents for fifty; and the Serviettes, bearing the blue W. M. S. crest, are available at one cent apiece. Both of these you will like to have for Group, or Church, Luncheons or Dinners, or smaller tea-parties. The silver Souvenir spoons, with the W. M. S. Crest in enamel on the handle, are ready, too, and they are certainly beautiful. These cost $2.00 each, and will make much-appreciated gifts for many Christmas, Birthday or Anniversary lists, as well as adding to your own collection of interesting mementoes. All may be ordered through the Publications Department, and wouldn't it be a good idea to have some to display at Sectional and Group Meetings? Be sure to order early, if you plan to have them at your Meetings! See Page 26 about the new Anniversaries' Seals!

PRAYER

by MISS DOROTHY LUKES

Deaconess, Montreal and Quebec — Port Receptionist

O God, our Heavenly Father, holy and majestic, just, yet merciful, we would thank and praise You for all that You are; for Your care of us in this past year; for the joy of Christian fellowship. Thank You, also, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, Who speaks to our hearts and minds so that we might know You, and Your Son, Jesus Christ, through Whom we have a rich, and abundant life.

When we think of the honour and majesty of Your Name, O Lord, we realize how far we have strayed from Your side during the past year; how we have, so often, got in the way of Your message, and have become a stumbling block to ourselves and others. Forgive us for this, for we are truly sorry. Forgive us, also, for the many times we have passed by on the other side when someone needed us; or, when we have stood looking on, pulling our skirts closer to ourselves for fear of being touched by the sins of others.

Purge us of our many sins, that we may be clean. So fire us with love for Yourself, and for our fellow men, that we may have a Christian care for those in need — the men and women in our prisons; girls in trouble; children who cause us so many problems in Church, School, and in our mid-week Groups; our noisy neighbours; the lonely, fearful newcomer; the lonely and forgotten old-timer. All have need of us, our Father. Help us to know them, not as untouchables, but as persons with problems; persons who need our help. Enable us to go to them in love, and to do what we can, in our own small way, to show them that we care — a few words of understanding; a letter to keep in touch; a smile; an invitation for a cup of tea, a few moments of our time, in which to become interested in them, and show them that we care.

A whole new year lies before us, O Lord, and we would walk worthily therein, accepting and fulfilling our responsibilities, in Your Name. Of ourselves, we cannot do it; with Your help, we can. Take, then, our hand, and so strengthen and guide us, day by day, that we may walk worthily, doing all to the honour and glory of Your Name.

Be with those who serve You in their daily rounds of work — the men and women in our Governments; those in our offices, stores, factories; those who work on the seas, on the land; in our hospitals, prisons, Churches, and schools. May each one do the work to the best of her ability, and, by work and conduct, be a true witness, so that others may be drawn to You, and come to worship and serve You, in spirit and in truth. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

NEW YEARS GREETINGS
From The President
A New Year — With An Upward Look!

by MRS. A. S. CURR

How quickly the days and months seem to pass! It seems such a short time since I sent you a New Year's message, twelve short months ago. Now, the year of 1963 has passed into history, and we stand on the threshold of a new year. Looking ahead to 1964, we, of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) look forward to a very special year.

We are entering our One Hundredth Anniversary year! Much has happened during those hundred years. We have faced many changes; much has been accomplished; History has been made. How wonderful has been the guidance of our Heavenly Father!

I am reminded of the words spoken by Moses to God's people in Deuteronomy, 8:2—"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord, thy God, led thee." As we look back, we are very conscious of His divine leading. I would direct your thoughts to the words of the Psalmist, when he says — "In the morning I will direct my thoughts unto Thee, and will *look up*" (Psalm 5:3) As we enter the morning of a New Year, may these words be our prayer.

MRS. A. S. CURR

In writing to the Jewish Christians of his day, Paul exhorts them in these words — "Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:2) J. B. Philips, in his translation of these words, speaks of having "our eyes fixed on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith. Think constantly of Him . . . and you will not lose your purpose or courage." (Hebrews 12: 2-3)

As you stand on the threshold of this New Year, are you *looking up?* Or are your eyes earth-bound? The *Upward Look* will bring us a new vision of our Lord's love; His need for us and our need of Him; and will show us what we can do to extend His cause. The *Upward Look* will bring us direction, protection, and security. We will be conscious of God's spirit, guiding, prompting, and controlling our lives.

The *Upward Look* will bring us a new revelation of God's power and divine strength. This strength will enable us to go forward in a great spiritual advance, which today calls for more of our time and talents. And so, as we step out into a New Year, may it be with an *Upward Look,* forgetting the failures and disappointments of the past year.

As I wish all of you a Happy New Year, I would like to leave the following words with you, written by an unknown writer, who entitles them—

A Summary For A Happy New Year

"To leave the old, with a burst of song;
To recall the right, and forgive the wrong;
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not-worth-while of the days grown old;
To dare to go forth, with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of a year that's new;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer
Is to have, and to give a happy New Year."

GOD BLESS THEE,

Thy goings out, thy comings in,
Thy home, thy friends, thy kith and kin;
Thy hopes and plans, thy work or rest,
God bless them, as **He** seeth best;
In grief and pain, in joy and cheer,
In all **He** sends, **GOD** bless thy year!

(Selected)

THE TREASURER PRESENTS THE ESTIMATES

I hope, as you consider the Estimates for 1964 as they appear in the following pages, you will realize that they are the result of the efforts of many people, from our staff Overseas to those in Canada. They represent the requirements of the work in our various fields — work which has been committed to us, and which was accepted by us, through our delegates to Council, in May 1963. They are now our responsibility, and as we go forward into this year of 1964, a year of great significance for us when we celebrate two very special Anniversaries, let us remember that many lives will be influenced by the extent to which we meet the challenge of these Estimates. If we fail to provide the necessary funds, doors of service will be closed to us.

"Everyone to whom much is given, of him much will be required." Christian giving is the sharing with others the gifts and resources which God has entrusted to us. When 1964 shall come to an end, will He be able to say of each of us "Well done thou good and faithful servant?"

(Mrs. G. R.) Ruth Pye
Acting Treasurer

W.M.S. ESTIMATES FOR 1964 NATIONAL MISSIONS

Executive Director—Miss Giollo G. Kelly, B.A.

Secretary: Miss Vera Carson

Salaries and Expenses	$ 7,700.00

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Quebec: Miss Louise Gamble, Mrs. G. P. Louie, Chinese Assistant

Toronto, Ontario: Miss Margaret Near, M.A., Miss Elsie Lee

Sudbury, Ontario: Miss Mary Duffin

Windsor, Ontario: Chinese Assistant

Vancouver, B.C.: Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Susan Yeung, Miss Annie Wilson, L.L.C.M.; Kindergarten Assistant, Grant to Chinese Church, Paid from Kindergarten fees

Victoria, B.C.: Deaconess Miss Grace Lee

Furlough Expenses—Salaries and Expenses	$ 36,990.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Manitoba and Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ontario
(Salaries and administration paid through Indian School Funds)

HOSPITAL VISITORS

Vancouver and New Westminster, British Columbia: Hospital Visitor — Miss Lily Simpson — part-time
Edmonton, Alberta: Mrs. H. B. Wallace
Winnipeg, Manitoba: Mrs. G. W. Bradley
London, Ontario: Miss Lila Schneider
Toronto, Ontario:
Montreal, Quebec: Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale
Salaries and Expenses .... $ 15,205.00

DEACONESS AND INSTITUTIONS

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School: Miss Helen Ross (salary paid through Indian School Funds), Director of Christian Education
Presbytery of Victoria, B.C.: Miss Winnifred Ripley
Presbytery of Westminster, B.C.: Miss Ellen Douglas
St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre, Vancouver, B.C.: Miss Lillian Reay
Presbytery of Red Deer, Alberta: Miss Emily Drysdale
Presbytery of Prince Albert, Sask.: Deaconess
Presbytery of Saskatoon, Sask.: Miss Evelyn Murdoch
Presbytery of Winnipeg, Man.: Miss Dorothy McCombie, Deaconess
Deaconess (Expenses—Indian Account)
Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg: Mr. F. J. Dickson, Mrs. F. J. Dickson, Additional Staff Member, Summer Relief
Presbytery of Barrie, Ontario: Miss Dorothy Lukes (part-time)
Presbytery of Temiskaming, Ontario: Miss Martine Jansen van Beek
Presbytery of Hamilton, Ontario: Miss Sheila Stephens
Presbytery of West Toronto, Ontario: Miss Hozell Davis
Presbytery of East Toronto, Ontario: Miss Flora Whiteford, Miss Florence Goertzen, Miss Ruby Walker
Presbytery of Montreal, Quebec: Miss Catherine Watson
Miss Hilda Blackwell (on furlough)
Salaries and Maintenance .... $ 60,700.00

IMMIGRATION

Miss Dorothy Lukes (part-time) and summer assistant:		
Salaries and Expenses	$3,340.00	
Printing of letters of welcome and Social Service	200.00	3,540.00

Maintenance of Missionary Vans	1,500.00
Student Deaconesses (4)	4,300.00
Transportation of summer workers	700.00
French Work	700.00
Transportation of National Staff	300.00
Contingency	1,700.00
NATIONAL TOTAL	$133,335.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Executive Director—Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A.

Secretary: Miss Pauline Kujanik

Salaries and Expenses	$ 7,800.00

INDIA

Jhansi Field		
Salaries:		
Miss Edith Magee, B.A., Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E., Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E.	$ 8,100.00	
General Conduct of Work		
Educational	6,315.00	
General Maintenance and Repairs	2,845.00	
Mission Business	255.00	17,515.00
Bhil Field		
Salaries:		
Miss Irene Stringer, Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B. Ed., Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., Miss Ida White, Reg.N., Miss Helen Acton, Reg.N., Miss Doreen Morrison, Reg.N., Miss Audrey Prendergast, Reg.N. (Portion of salary paid by Knox Church, Toronto) Miss Catherine Polson, Reg.N. (Portion of salary paid by Knox Church, Toronto), Miss Suzanne Sargeant, Reg.N. (Portion of salary paid by Knox Church, Toronto)		
Immediate Staff Needs (1)	$29,900.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelistic	3,794.00	

Medical — Mobile Units	7,955.00	
Education, Schools and Hostels	6,650.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	455.00	
General Maintenance and Repairs	7,580.00	
Mission Business	1,000.00	
Christian Education	250.00	
Language Study	820.00	
	$28,504.00	$ 58,404.00
Co-operative Work:		
Vellore All-India Christian Medical College:		
Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg.N., M.A., Miss. E. Greenwood		
Salaries	$ 3,375.00	
Grant to Vellore	1,150.00	
Ludhiana:		
Grant to Ludhiana Maintenance	2,000.00	
Indore:		
Director of Graduate School of Nursing Salary and Expenses	3,000.00	
Allahabad Agricultural College	500.00	
National Christian Council of India	200.00	
Serampore Theological Seminary	350.00	10,575.00
India Total		86,494.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries:		
Miss Margaret Ramsay, Miss Merle McGowan, Miss Athalie Read	$ 8,200.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Missionaries Rent	1,800.00	
Car Allowance and other travel	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	
Deaconesses, and student deaconesses	3,000.00	
British Guiana Total		14,600.00

NIGERIA

Salaries:		
Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T., Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., Miss Anne Howson, Reg.N., Miss Shirley Dredge	12,400.00	

General Conduct of Work:		
Car Allowance and Travel	900.00	
General Expenses	400.00	
Training courses, etc.	200.00	
Rent	300.00	
Contingency	200.00	
General Maintenance and Repairs	200.00	
	$ 2,200.00	
Africa Total		$ 14,600.00

FORMOSA

Salaries:		
Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., Miss Dorothy Douglas, Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., Immediate Staff Needs (1)	9,700.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelism	2,360.00	
Field Work	1,030.00	
Travel	1,600.00	
Maintenance of Property	500.00	
Rent	1,350.00	
Mission Business	250.00	
Conferences	300.00	
Hsin Chu Bible School (Kindergarten Teachers' Salary)	550.00	
Formosa Secretaries' Consultation	110.00	
Language Study	200.00	
Tam Kang Middle School	1,500.00	
	$9,750.00	
Formosa Total		$ 19,450.00

KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAPAN

Salaries:		
Miss Tamiko Nakamura, Miss Mavis Hyndman	$5,200.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Christian Education Leadership	5,800.00	
Young People's Camp	200.00	
Expenses	1,600.00	
	$6,000.00	
Korean Church in Japan Total		$ 12,800.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Furloughs:		
Returning to field:		
Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.-N., Miss Helen Acton, Reg.N., Miss Edith Magee, B.A., Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T., Miss Margaret Ramsay	4,800.00	
New Missionaries Going to Field (4)	3,200.00	
Coming from Field:		
Miss Audrey Prendergast, Reg.N., Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., M.A., Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Tamiko Nakamura, Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T., Miss Margaret Ramsay	4,800.00	
Cost of Living in Canada:		
Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., Miss Helen Acton, Reg.N., Miss Edith Magee, B.A., Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T., Miss Margaret Ramsay, Miss Audrey Prendergast, Reg.N., Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., M.A., Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Tamiko Nakamura, Four (4) New Missionaries	3,400.00	
Travel in Canada for consultation with Council Executive	200.00	
Missionaries' Expenses Total		$ 16,400.00
Overseas Contingency		1,300.00
Director's Administrative Visits		1,000.00
Department of Overseas Missions, Canadian Council of Churches		1,100.00
OVERSEAS TOTAL		$175,544.00

ORGANIZATION

Executive Director—Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Departmental Secretaries:

Assistant—Adult Dept. — Miss May Nutt.

Teenage Work—Miss Helen Tetley, B.A., M.R.E. (paid by the Board of Christian Education)
Children's Work—Miss Mabel Booth
Regional Secretaries:
Miss Margaret Boyd, Miss Clare Hanes, Miss Dorothy Keller, B.A., Miss Lois Powrie, Miss Barbara Woodruff, Immediate Staff Needs (2)
Stenographic Secretaries:
Miss Marjorie McMullin, Miss Margaret Tranmer

Salaries	$40,000.00	
Expenses — Director, National and Regional Secretaries	7,850.00	
Secretarial Libraries	225.00	
Conduct of Committee Work, including the distribution of magazines for Girls' and Children's Work and Field Letters	935.00	
Deputation	3,500.00	
Camps and Conferences	1,500.00	
Training Projects	500.00	
Contingency	500.00	
ORGANIZATION TOTAL		$ 55,010.00

PUBLICATIONS

Executive Director—Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry
Assistant to the Director: Mrs. Isabelle Spark
Senior Stenographer: Miss Flora MacPherson
Senior Stenographer: Mrs. Dorothy Hudson
Mailing Clerk: Mrs. Norma McComb

Salaries and Expenses	$15,250.00	
Annual Report and Report Forms	4,400.00	
Glad Tidings	3,000.00	
Free Literature: To include — Promotion Leaflets, Complimentary subscriptions to Glad Tidings	1,000.00	
Annual Mission Report of G.B.M. and W.M.S.	350.00	
Expenses — Glossy Prints, Council Publicity	200.00	
General Contingency	300.00	
PUBLICATIONS TOTAL		$ 24,500.00

GRANTS

United Nations Society	$ 10.00	
Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches	175.00	
Canadian School of Missions and Ecumenical Centre	1,700.00	
Women's International Union, Presbyterian Alliance	25.00	
Committee on Missionary Education of the Canadian Council of Churches	100.00	
Committee on Christian Vocation of the Canadian Council of Churches	200.00	
Africa Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions and National Council of Churches, U.S.A.	100.00	
GRANTS TOTAL		$ 2,310.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Church School Material, British Guiana	$ 400.00
Christian Literature for Formosa	600.00
Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Inc.	300.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Christian Literature for India through National Christian Council	400.00
Christian Literature for Africa through International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa	1,000.00
Christian Literature for India, 'Christian Home' Magazine	1,000.00
Christian Literature for Chinese through Council on Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese	600.00
Christian Literature for Latin American, 'Testimonium'	500.00
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature	1,000.00
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French Literature in Canada through French Advisory Committee	600.00
'L'Aurore' through French Advisory Committee	500.00

Italian Church Library Books and Hymn Books	300.00	
Hungarian Literature ‘New Life’	500.00	
Ukrainian Literature ‘Evangelical Truth’ through the Rev. Michael Fesenko	1,500.00	
‘Spiritual Awakening’ (Kuban Cossack)	50.00	
Canadian Bible Society	1,500.00	
Department of Overseas Missions (World Christian Books, Africa S.S. Curriculum, Study Centres)	600.00	
World Christian Literature Fund	200.00	
Costa Rica Literacy Centre for Caribbean and South America	300.00	
Literature in the vernacular for non-Christian students (India)	200.00	
Christian Literature & Visual Aids — Bhil, India	50.00	
Contingency	450.00	
	$ 13,400.00	
From Legacy Fund	5,500.00	
		$ 7,900.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries:		
Assistant to the Treasurer and Secretary, Miss Myrtle Rose; Bookkeeper, Miss Florence Hedley; Part-time Stenographer, Miss Pauline Kujanik		$ 7,800.00
Office Rent	$ 9,360.00	
Auditing	700.00	
General Expenses	6,500.00	
Travelling Expenses of Council Executive	4,300.00	
Life Membership	300.00	
Exchange	300.00	21,460.00
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL		$29,260.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

W.M.S. Property and equipment, including Camp, Vans and Liability Insurance		$ 1,000.00

STUDENT WORK

Student Christian Movement Brazil, Mexico and Chile	1,100.00	

World Mission Committee	1,250.00	
General Budget	75.00	
Friendly Relations with Overseas Students	150.00	2,575.00
COUNCIL MEETING		5,500.00
AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION		1,000.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR STAFF		2,400.00

SYNODICAL GRANTS

British Columbia	$ 400.00	
Alberta	300.00	
Saskatchewan	300.00	
Manitoba	225.00	
Hamilton and London		
Toronto and Kingston		
Montreal and Ottawa	50.00	1,275.00

SUMMARY OF 1964 ESTIMATES

NATIONAL MISSIONS	$133,335.00
OVERSEAS MISSIONS	175,544.00
ORGANIZATION	55,010.00
PUBLICATIONS	24,500.00
GRANTS	2,310.00
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE	7,900.00
ADMINISTRATION	29,260.00
INSURANCE AND TAXES	1,000.00
STUDENT WORK	2,575.00
COUNCIL MEETING	5,500.00
AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION	1,000.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR STAFF	2,400.00
SYNODICAL GRANTS	1,275.00
GENERAL CONTINGENCY	500.00
	$442,109.00

SUPPLY FUND
OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Jhansi Field	
Hostel Assistance — Helen MacDonald Memorial School	300.00

Bhil Field		
Evangelistic	115.00	
Medical Mobile Units	1,590.00	
Educational — Schools and Hostels	7,640.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	1,022.00	
Outfit Allowance (1)	300.00	
British Guiana		
Supplies for Training Classes and Church Schools	550.00	
Formosa		
Medical Supplies	600.00	
Music Supplies	250.00	
Christian Education	250.00	
Outfit Allowance (1)	300.00	
Korean Christian Church in Japan		
Outfit Allowance (1)	300.00	
Books, Equipment etc.	1,000.00	
		$14,217.00
NATIONAL MISSIONS		4,000.00
ORGANIZATION		500.00
CONTINGENCY		1,283.00
		$20,000.00

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - October 1963

	1962	1963
British Columbia	5,200.00	6,054.75
Alberta	5,077.01	6,670.40
Saskatchewan	3,799.79	4,004.98
Manitoba	5,724.00	5,459.21
Hamilton and London	53,262.75	65,878.34
Toronto and Kingston	56,871.35	58,820.50
Montreal and Ottawa	34,039.54	31,812.79
	$163,974.44	$178,700.97

"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW . . ."

(A series of four Services of Worship)

by MISS MARGARET WEBSTER, B.A., B. Ed.

Principal of Ewart College, Toronto

MISS WEBSTER

(We are most grateful to Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of Ewart College, Toronto, for her kindness in permitting us to publish, as space will permit, the inspirational Services of Worship, given in the morning Devotional Periods, which she conducted in the Chapel of Ewart College, each day of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College last May. These Worship Services were based on the Key Verse of the Council Sessions—"I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (St. John 17 — verse 23) — and we feel sure that our readers will find them as helpful and worthwhile in their guidance for daily living, as did those Council members who were privileged to hear them. This is the third of these Worship Services, and the fourth will follow next month.)

III. CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. (Psalm 95:6,7a).

INVOCATION: O God, the Father Almighty, who hast promised to be with Thy Children wherever two or three are gathered together in Thy name, and who hast promised to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Thee, look graciously upon us assembled in this place to make our prayer unto Thee and to wait for Thy promise. Of Thy abundant mercy renew in our longing hearts Thy Gift. Grant us humility, faith in Thee, and a knowledge of Thy presence and power in our midst. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: To render thanks unto the Lord
Book of Praise No. 78.

SCRIPTURE (read in unison): Psalm 100

PRAYER:

Adoration as we acknowledge the majesty of God yet his concern for his children

Confession as we recognize our determination to follow our own desires rather than the will of God

Thanksgiving as we recount the many blessings God has given us, especially the gift of the Holy Spirit and the community of Christians

Intercession as we see again our own great need and the needs of the world.

MEDITATION: Christ prayed, in the prayer recorded in John 17:23, "that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me and hast loved them as Thou hast loved Me."

What a strange petition this seems to be! Christ did **not** pray—

—Reveal Thyself to the people,
—Help people to see in Me their life,
—Raise up great preachers, teachers, and healers, who will work in Thy name.

He **did** pray—"Make them perfectly one so that people may know Thee and Thy love."

It is to be, apparently, the quality of life of the disciples that is to make known the love of God—and particularly their one-ness.

Christ establishes a Christian community. His life was given for the Christian—every Christian. Because of this there is, there must be, a difference in relationship among Christians—among those for whom Christ died. The Christian community is a community which strengthens other Christians; it is also a community which witnesses, even by its own quality of life and relationships, to the world.

How much we need to examine the quality of life in our part of the Christian community, to see how it witnesses to the world! We need to examine the quality of life in our homes, our business relationships, the Church.

We need to ask: "What may this perfect one-ness mean for us as individuals, for us in our women's organizations, in our local Churches, in our denomination? Does it involve a greater need to lose ourselves, to be willing to co-operate with others, to discover new relationships with other churches locally and other denominations? Surely it must mean an openness of mind, to allow God to show us His will in regard to our relations with others."

We tend to ask whether the kind of unity for which Christ prayed is possible. It would seem that mankind, in all its humanity, cannot attain this perfect one-ness. To find an answer to this question, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his book **"The Cost of Discipleship,"*** suggests that we look at the first disciples for whom Christ prayed. There were Peter, the impetuous fisherman; Matthew, the publican; Simon, the zealot who was the champion of law and justice against the oppression of the Gentiles; John, the beloved. Bonhoeffer says of them that no power on earth could have united so varied a group for a common task except the call of Jesus.

So united was the early Christian community that others said: "See how those Christians love one another."

We, who have also heard the call of Christ, must pray and strive for that perfect one-ness for which Christ prayed.

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4: 1-6

PRAYER for understanding to know God's will, the one-ness that He desires in the Christian community, and the way in which this unity is to manifest His love to the world.

HYMN: Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
Book of Praise No. 566.

BENEDICTION: Be Thou Thyself, O Lord, the Sanctifier and Shepherd of Thy people, that we, who are strengthened by Thy help, may in our daily life walk with Thee, and with all quietness of spirit serve Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, **The Cost of Discipleship.** London: S.C.M. Press, 1959. P. 183.

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Anniversary Corner

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

The meetings to be held in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, on May 8, 9, and 10, 1964, are to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of a Missionary organization among women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the 50th Anniversary of the coming into being of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) as we know it today. Many months of planning and effort have gone into organizing the Programme for these meetings, which will be attended by several hundred women from across Canada.

Those who gather in the Kildonan Hall, before and between the "formal" sessions, will be impressed by the displays which present and dramatize the story of the Women's Missionary Society. Each Synodical will have a display of its own historical highlights, with members ready to explain their story to interested visitors. In addition, each department of the Women's Missionary Society is preparing special exhibits to illustrate the many facets of the Society's work. Fascinating displays and articles from the Overseas fields and from each area of National work will be included. The Publications and Treasury Departments will explain and demonstrate their work. You will be able to browse among the attractive displays of Christian Literature, and the special Anniversary items, such as the souvenir spoons, serviettes, place mats, and seals, which so many W.M.S. members have already seen and used, will be available.

Worship, of course, will be an essential part of the meetings. The special Services of Worship for each plenary session will be closely linked with the theme addresses. At the opening Friday evening session, the Service of Worship will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. R. J. Berlis, the Minister of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. On Sunday morning, May 10th, a special service of Holy Communion for all of the delegates will be held in the Church.

The focal point of all the meetings will be the theme addresses. Most of you know that one of our Society's most challenging and inspiring speakers, Miss Margaret Kennedy, is flying home, from the Bhil field in India, to give the main theme addresses. (Look for more about this in later issues of The Glad Tidings.) Every woman who has heard and met Miss Kennedy will be looking forward to her messages at the Montreal meetings.

We are celebrating 100 years of history — and to highlight this fact, an impressive dramatic presentation, depicting the history of the Society, has been written, and will be produced, by Miss Laura K. Pelton, (a long-time Society staff member). Miss Pelton's "previews" indicate that the tableaux will look not only backward to 1864 and 1914, but also ahead to the mission which faces us in 1964.

It is hoped that the Moderator of the Eighty-ninth General Assembly, and other outstanding speakers, will take part in the main sessions, including two special presentations on the "Mission to Canada" and the "Mission Overseas." Executive staff members, of both the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as well as field personnel from Canada and the overseas areas, will take part in these presentations.

Many of you have already had a share in the formation of the great "Anniversary Book," which contains the names of many present and former members of the Society, and those active in Church life and witness. The collected volumes of the Anniversary Book will be presented at one session of the meetings.

These Programme items are only the highlights of the memorable three days, which are planned as a great Rallying Meeting for the women of our Church. Against a background of "Montreal in May-time," and with the stimulation of meeting many interesting people from all over Canada and from other lands, with special meal-time presentations, fine music, moments of lightness and relaxation, the Anniversaries' celebration can be one of the highlights of our years of work and witness as Church women. We hope that many of you can share with us the challenge of these days in May.

EVANGELISM THROUGH EDUCATION

by MISS BEATRICE SCOTT, B.A.
On furlough from the Bhil Field, India.

A group of Evangelists and Bible Women was living in tents for three weeks at Sindanpani. In the forenoon, all went, two by two, to homes in the vicinity, telling the Gospel story and inviting folk to a meeting at the camp in the evening. In the afternoon, the Bible Women had a Bible class with the three Christian women. None of them could read, so classes were short, and visual aids were used freely. In several non-Christian homes, as we told why we had come, someone would say, "Oh, yes! We have heard of Jesus. Miriam told us." Miriam, who had died some years before, was the older sister of two of the Christian women.

At noon one day I said to Yohan Shai, an Evangelist, "How is it that Miriam has been such a witness among the women all around here, while her sisters seem to know so little?" "Oh," said Yohan, apparently surprised that I should ask, "She went to school!" Not every Christian who has gone to school on the Bhil Field in India has become such a witness for Christ in his own community, but many have. They have been examples of "Evangelism through Education."

Most of the children, who attend the six Primary Schools and the central School of Amkut, are from Christian homes. Buddhi is an exception. Her parents are Bhilalas, and none of the other members of her family went to school. She was allowed to go with neighbour Christian children. There, she attended daily Bible classes as well as those in the other subjects. She came to Church and Sunday School. When she was in the seventh class some of her friends were attending Communicants' classes. She came to me one day to ask if she might be baptized. Then next year she, too, might attend Communicants classes and become a member of the Church.

Questioning revealed that she had a real faith in Jesus Christ and had accepted Him as Saviour. Were her parents willing? Yes, they had said she might make her own decision. When approached by members of the Session, they said they were willing, but they were looking for a wife for her brother, and feared they would not find a suitable girl for him if it were known that his sister was a Christian. So they would like her to wait until after his marriage. He has been married for some time, and Buddhi is not yet baptized, but she has accepted Christ, one of a small number — including Dhan Singh, Dal Singha, An Singh and others—who have come to Christ while attending a Christian School. Another example of "Evangelism through Education."

At Amkut, where there is a Hostel for girls and one for boys, there are not too many opportunities for such young people to witness to non-Christians, but they are encouraged to do so. On occasion, groups go with an older leader to sing at Evangelistic Meetings, or witness in homes. For some months, three older girls went each Sunday with Tara Bai to Mandhar to help with a Sunday School, using flannelgraph to illustrate the lessons. Others, each Saturday morning, taught the 20-50 children who came for milk powder. There are opportunities through the Night School — really, Adult Literacy Classes. For several winters, a number of boys and young men came for classes at night. Evangelists, teachers and older boys helped. At the close of each session all came together for a Bible lesson. This phase of education, too, is a means of evangelism.

The M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home cannot properly be called an educational institution, but the children who make their home there "graduate" to the Amkut Hostels. Through them, contacts have been made with other members of their families and villages. Usually babies are given outright to the Mission. But twin girls, brought from Behrwa when their mother died at their birth, were kept for a year and a half, and then returned. Because of the contact with them, Miss Hislop and the Bible Women were welcomed in their home, and, through them, to other homes in the village. Sometimes children visit their parents' home during holidays. Noel has gone to his home on several occasions, and we trust his influence will bear fruit. Several "graduates" of the Home are witnessing through their work or profession:—Musa, a trained Evangelist, is Chaplain in Jobat hospital; Mongol Singha is in the Air Force, recently stationed in Bombay; Benjamin is a trained nurse in charge of the Dispensary at Mendha.

This is the area in which education has contributed most to the field of Evangelism — in helping to prepare young men and women for positions within the Church and in the community, that, in and through these positions, they may, by their lives, work and words, present Christ to those among whom they work. Scholarships are provided to enable worthy, and promising, young people to attend High School and to get training as teachers, nurses, etc. Some are helped through College, and are working and witnessing on our own field, or in other places. Some are

Margaret MacMurchy and is to be used for the training of an Indian lady who will become Director of the Graduate School of Nursing, Indore.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800; 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

I will pray this prayer today for you —
May the love of God abide with you;
In all of your living, this New Year through
May the love of God abide with you!

(Selected)

THE ANNIVERSARIES' SEALS!

So many members have been asking for these that it is a real pleasure to tell you that the Anniversaries' Seals are now ready — and lovely they are indeed! Each one a true replica of the W. M. S. Crest, with the Anniversaries' Dates, they are done in Presbyterian blue and gold; just the right size to be used on place-cards, on personal letters, as well as all Official correspondence in this Anniversary Year; to stick on Announcements and Invitations, even on Programmes of Meetings and Special Events. There are literally dozens of uses one can think of for these meaningful Anniversaries' Seals! In packages of 50, they cost 35 cents, and you may order as many packages as you wish from the Publications Department.

Sharing in Canadian Missions

A LETTER TO THIRD SISTER, HONG KONG, CROWN COLONY

By THE REV. RONALD J. CON, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Third Sister:—

It seems a long time since I have written to you, though it is only a few weeks. How quickly time flies! I can hardly believe that I am going into my eleventh year in Canada (my fifth, going on sixth, as a Canadian). I have not only finished my University education, but I also have a husband, and four lovely, lively children. We have lived in several cities here in Canada, from Victoria, B.C., to Toronto, Ontario, where we are now. We have seen many new things, and have met many new and wonderful friends. My youngest child is starting to walk and talk; my oldest is in Grade One.

I was most interested to read in your last letter your remarks about the change in Chinese work in Canada. Yes, it has changed a great deal since the retirement of the Rev. Dr. David Smith, as Superintendent for Chinese work. You may remember me telling you how the work developed under the care of Dr. Smith. Congregations were established in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal, with Chinese Pastors and Sessions, and Women's Missionary Society's Deaconesses and workers in each, as well as 'preaching stations' in Windsor, and in Sudbury. In the latter two points, the work is carried on from an occidental congregation with special Chinese workers, and also involves some members of the congregations. The spirit in which this work is carried on is really something to see. It is not paternalistic, but there is a real sense of concern and Christian brotherhood. Of course, there are places that could stand a more missionary and Christ-like spirit, but on the whole we have no complaints. In our Chinese congregations, we have our own Chinese Pastors, the Reverends Stephen Lee in Victoria; Andrew Ng in Vancouver; Paul Chan in Montreal; and Ronald Con, in Toronto. The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Zi was the minister of our Church in Toronto, and Mr. Con was assigned by the Mission Board in July, 1963 to assist him; however, because of poor health, Dr. Zi resigned last year, and Mr. Con is carrying on the work. You will remember Mr. Con and his family. The General Board of Missions sent him to

Hong Kong, to do further study in the Chinese language at the University of Hong Kong, in September, 1960, and he completed his studies in September, 1962. After a three month "working" visit to Taiwan, he returned to Canada in March, 1963. He still talks about the 'short chats' he had with your husband in the wee hours of the night. Well, he is our Minister now.

Our Church at present has started an all-English-speaking service, to minister not only to the English-speaking Chinese Canadians but also to the English-speaking community in which the Church is located. The Church feels that she has an obligation to the whole community. Frankly, though Chinese will always be my first language, English will have to be used more and more. For instance, (and I am ashamed to admit it) your nephews and nieces, my children, are all speaking more English than Chinese. They go to Chinese school, but because of the fact that they see, speak, and hear, English more than Chinese, it is only natural that English will be their first language. When we were children, Chinese was our language, even though we went to English-speaking schools in Hong Kong. There is a growing concern in the Church here that all the workers should be bi-lingual. This is because we still have a large number of people who do not speak English, a goodly number of them are new immigrants, thus the importance of Chinese. On the other hand, because the second and third generation do speak English, and many of them are in the professions, we must be able to reach them. Also, we should not forget that the Chinese Pastor, and the workers of the Church, are the main bridges between the Occidental and the Oriental worlds. Unless the workers understand the two cultures, they cannot effectively bridge the two worlds. A Chinese Pastor in Canada, without English, will be cut off from his rightful place in the Church courts, and from fellowship with other Ministers. He also will be limited in his understanding of the Canadian Church, and will not be able to lead his people into a fuller relationship with the Church as a whole. Yet he cannot be completely English-speaking, as I mentioned before, because of the large number of non-English-speaking Chinese people who need to be ministered to.

Your point about the Chinese Canadians is well taken. I refer to your question, "if they speak English why not just let the other English-speaking Churches look after them?" In some of the Occidental congregations, the Chinese Canadians take an active part in the life of the Church. I think of Harry Young in Sudbury, and John Chow in Sault Ste. Marie. Both are Elders in their congregations. However, I have a feeling that they are few and far between. Many of my husband's classmates, who are Canadian-born Chinese, do not attend Church at all, and spiritually they live in a 'godless vacuum.' I feel that it is the responsibility of the Chinese

Church to see that they are 'churched,' to lead them out of their 'godless vacuum' into a fuller and richer life in Jesus Christ. Along this same line of thinking, I believe that the Chinese congregations here must raise up their own Ministers to serve their own people. You may well wonder, when Chinese work was re-organized in 1925, that our Minister, Mr. Con, is the first Canadian-born Chinese Minister to be trained in our Church's own college. This is not a reflection on the leadership in our Canadian Chinese churches. What then is the problem? Why do parents not encourage their children to go into the Church? I think that partly it is because they are basically insecure, and because, as they look around them, they see that their Occidental friends consider money and social position fairly important.

There is also the fact that the Chinese people have always been relegated to the bottom of the social scale, and have been discriminated against to some extent. They have come to believe that money 'talks' and that it solves a lot of problems. So when their children go to University, they are encouraged to choose Law, Medicine, Engineering and so forth, the Ministry being the last thing they will suggest. Then, of course, the ministry being only in Chinese, a problem of communication has been created between the Pastor and his young English-speaking members in the congregation. Where there are young people who speak English, and the parents insist, they may stay in the Church until they are thirteen or fourteen. After all, why should they go to a Church where they not only cannot understand what is going on, but where they could be misunderstood? In situations like these, of course, we thank God that the Women's Missionary Society has workers to act as a bridge for the young and the old. Someone has suggested that the Women's Missionary Society should send only Chinese workers into the work. Well, I do not think *that* day has arrived yet, because there is plenty of room and work for the Occidental worker in the Chinese setting in Canada.

Well, then, these are some of the problems, but there is no need to be unduly pessimistic, as steps are being taken to improve the situation—trying out new procedures, changing to meet the changing Chinese society. This, plus the fact that the Chinese people are not tackling the problem all by themselves, but the Church as a whole is concerned about it. The Church realizes that the problems of the Chinese work are also the problems of the Church as a whole, for we are all one family under God.

I did not realize that I had gone on for so long! Lots of love to all in Hong Kong. Remember us in your prayers, as we remember you folks.

Much love, 2nd Elder Sister.

P.S. I know that you may not agree with all I have written. I realize that

I have made some generalizations, but then, if it will cause you to do a little thinking it is justified. Again, I must go; the wee one is crying!

Love. 2nd Elder Sister.

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A POST-CHRISTMAS LETTER

(Written by a Grade V boy at Birtle Indian School to his Grandmother.)

Dear Grandmother:

How are you doing these days? I am doing fine and I am alright. I wish you are the same too. How is the little puppy I gave you? Is he a big dog now? How are my father and mother and my brother doing? Are they alright? I had lots of fun here at Christmas time. I will tell you all about it.

On Christmas morning there were candies on the table up in the dormitory. When we went in for breakfast there were lots of presents under the Christmas tree for all the boys and girls who stayed here during the holidays. The tree was decorated very nicely and looked pretty when the lights were turned off in the diningroom where the tree was standing. After we ate our breakfast we opened our presents. I got a holster set, toy guitar, model plane, pen and a combe for my Christmas presents. I play with them for a while each day. Nearly every night we got candies, and sometimes we got oranges, or a pear. During the holidays, we skated and played hockey, and the girls played hockey with us sometime. We went to four good picture shows during the holidays too and one of these was free by a group of men in the town. We sure enjoyed these shows.

I forgot to tell you that lots of the boys and girls went home for Christmas. Some of them come from Rossburn and Portage and some from north of Winnipeg. I wish it was still Christmas holidays because I had lots of fun here during the holidays.

There are not more than seventy boys in our school and about the same of girls. There are grades four to grade twelve. We have no little boys and girls this year. We have two rinks here, one for the girls and one for the boys. We have a team of fourteen and under in the hockey league. We have won quite a few games already and pretty soon will be the finals.

I am doing fine in school. I got a feeling I am going to pass. There are twenty-two children in our classroom and our teacher is Mrs. Simms. She is good to us.

Will you tell my father to send me some money? I am broke. I spend my money during the Christmas. May God Bless you and keep you. Goodbye, and did my sister go home for Christmas?

Please write soon. From your Grandson.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Miss Catherine Denholm, who has been on leave of absence from the National Staff for the past year, has tendered her resignation. Miss Denholm has been working in Scotland during this period and plans to remain in Britain for the present.

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In Remembrance

NAME	CHURCH	PRESBYTERIAL
Mrs. Emerson Tolton	St. Andrew's, Allenford	Bruce & Owen Sound
Mrs. Hind Black	St. Andrew's, Allenford	Bruce & Owen Sound
Mrs. R. J. Hendry	St. Giles, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Sarah Morgan	Knox, Wallaceburg	Chatham
Mrs. E. B. Stewart	Central, Galt	Guelph
Mrs. Joseph Janey	Knox, Acton	Guelph
Mrs. George Ritchie	Knox, Acton	Guelph
Mrs. Wm. J. McMillan	Erskine, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. E. J. Roberts	St. Andrew's, Trenton	Kingston
Mrs. Donald McLean	Presbyterian, Almonte	Lanark & Renfrew
Miss Mary Jane McEachern	St. Andrew's, Eldon Station	Lindsay
Miss Clara Alexander	New St. James, London	London
Mrs. Annie Kirkpatrick	New St. James, London	London
Mrs. Jean Simpson	Presbyterian, Glencoe	London
Mrs. Thomas Mawhinney	Presbyterian, Glencoe	London
Mrs. R. J. Webster	Presbyterian, Glencoe	London
Mrs. George C. Michie	Alexandra, Brantford	Paris
Miss Mary Grenlees	St. John's, Aberarder	Sarnia
Mrs. Agnes McKenzie	Presbyterian, West Adelaide	Sarnia
Mrs. J. G. Todd	St. Andrew's, Stratford	Stratford
Mrs. Ernest Newbigging	Presbyterian, Atwood	Stratford
Mrs. Isabella LaPointe	St. Andrew's, Victoria	Victoria
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Cripler	Gordon, Burnaby	Westminster
Mrs. W. J. A. Lake	Dovercourt, Toronto	West Toronto

You and Your Auxiliary

AS ONE WHO SERVES . . . AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

by (MRS. K.) MARY F. PHILP,
Secretary, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)

Every organization, whether large or small, requires an Executive Board, whose duty it is to implement policy set by such a body as the Council of the Women's Missionary Society, to administer finances, to appoint personnel — in fact, to deal with all matters pertaining to the over-all administration of its work.

In the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, the Council Executive is such a Board. Its members, including our Directors, strive, with God's help, to reach decisions which will benefit and further the cause to which we are committed.

To serve on Council Executive is indeed a privilege, but with privilege comes responsibility, and members of Council Executive realize, only too well, that here is where the efforts of the whole Society are translated into action, and that the decisions which they make can be far-reaching, and can, and do, effect the work and the lives of our staff at home and overseas. This is a sobering thought, which is reflected in the serious study given to all matters, large and small, which effect the Society.

New members coming on Council Executive, who have worked steadfastly in local groups, Presbyterials, or Synodicals, and who know the work of the Society, have admitted that they had no idea of the responsibilities carried by Council Executive. Suddenly, they are transported from decision - making, in a relatively small area, to decision-making on a national and international level, and this can be quite a revelation.

Council Executive's task of administration is carried on largely through Standing Committees, which meet monthly, and bring recommendations for approval to the monthly meeting of Council Executive.

In order to make wise decisions, it is necessary for members of Council Executive to be well informed, and, to this end, attendance at all meetings is essential. The seriousness with which members of the Council Executive take their task is evident in the excellent attendance at all meetings where they are expected to be present.

One of the most important meetings of Council Executive is the special meeting, usually held each year in February for the consideration of the financial statement of the Society. This is an important meeting, for then it is discovered whether or not the members of the Society have reached, in the previous year, the financial objective set by their representatives at the Council Meeting. When it is reported that the objective has been reached there is rejoicing and thankfulness; when it has not, there is sadness and concern. If we are to grow, and grow we must, then we must estimate not only to continue to support work already established but for new work — salaries for new workers, new schools, new medical facilities, to mention just a few. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ can never stand still—it must always go forward, and in considering the finances, members of Council Executive pray for the support of every member of our Society, that they will approve the outreach planned by Council and support the work of the Society by raising the necessary amount to reach the objective.

We are indeed fortunate in having four such dedicated women serving as our Directors — Miss Giollo Kelly, Director of National Missions, Miss Mary Whale, Director of Overseas Missions; Miss Louise Reith, Director of Organization; and Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, Director of Publications and Editor of The Glad Tidings. Our Directors implement the decisions of Council Executive and oversee and administer, most ably, the day-by-day responsibilities in their respective departments. And let us not forget our Assistant to the Secretary and Treasurer, whose efforts are never-ending and largely unsung. Efficient, cheerful, and cooperative. Miss Rose, and her staff, merit the appreciation of the whole Society.

Who are the women, who, along with the Directors, make up the membership of Council Executive? They are women of differing talents and abilities from many walks of life, but all have one purpose—to give the first-fruits of their labour to the Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ. They are active in their home Churches too — in Women's Missionary Society Auxiliaries and in Church Schools, and some serve on Church Boards which relate to our work, and to the mission of the whole Church. Each one, upon being invited to participate in the work of the Women's Missionary Society, whether through a local group, a Presbyterial or Synodical or Council Executive, is faced with a decision. How should she apportion her time and abilities between other worthy endeavours and executives and committees within the organized Church of Jesus Christ? I feel certain that none has regretted her decision to accept the challenge of sharing in the latter.

There are still many gifted women throughout our Church, whose talents are needed. We pray that they will realize the important contribution which they, as Christian women, can make in the service of the Church of Jesus Christ, and that they too will accept the challenge which it offers.

What does serving on Council Executive mean, personally, to each member? I cannot speak for my fellow members, but I feel certain they would agree with what I write. For me, as your Secretary, it means, first of all, the privilege of serving and working closely with our President, Mrs. A. S. Curr. That she leads our Society so well is not surprising, when one considers her strength of character, steadfast faith, and knowledge of the work, and her sense of humour. All combine to make her respected and beloved by those who work with her — a tower of strength, giving inspiration and encouragement.

To me, serving on Council Executive also means a Christian vocation — a purpose in life — daily study of God's Word, and much prayer in order to learn what is His will for me, and to receive guidance in all things. It means Christian stewardship of my time and substance, self-sacrifice and self-improvement, dedication, knowledge, humility. It also means happy Christian fellowship and inspiration —it means a full and satisfying life in the service of my Lord.

The rewards far exceed the effort expended — the joy in the knowledge that because of our work, our prayers and our faith, Missionaries at home and Overseas are enabled to continue and to expand the work of spreading the news of the love and saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ — the joy in the knowledge that the hungry have food, the needy have clothes, the ill are cared for, the illiterate are given education — knowing that through our efforts and through the efforts of every member of our Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, across our great land, the love of God is being proclaimed at home and overseas through the ministry of preaching, of teaching and of healing.

Let none hear you idly saying
"There is nothing I can do"
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth
"Here am I — send me, send me."

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RESOLUTION!

A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the Construction
Gang,
And *not* with the Wrecking Crew! (Selected)

The Teen Years

YOU WERE ASKING?

by REV. R. M. & MRS. RANSOM

Why do we send missionaries to countries where the people have a religion of their own?

Jesus didn't come because there weren't enough religions in the world. The world is full of many kinds of religion:—good, bad and indifferent. Even though many people never darken the Church door, they have some religion of their own. There is the modern secularist, who believes that education and science will save the world; or the communist, who believes that the teachings of Karl Marx will liberate mankind; or the primitive spirit-worshipper, who believes that all he needs to know is the magic formula for controlling the spirits who rule the world.

The real question is:—What do we think of Jesus? Is He just another historic person or does He mean something important in our lives? Do we, as Christians, believe that He is the Light of the World; that He is the Saviour of all men; that in Him is found the meaning of life; that his love meets the needs of people everywhere? Unless we are convinced of the uniqueness of Jesus, we have no need, nor right, to tell others about Him. But if we do believe in Him, and he lives in us, we cannot help but go out to tell others about Him and share His love with them.

The real problem for most of us is:—how do we tell this story? How do we go about sharing Christ's love? There are many off-beat ideas about Missionaries imposing their faith on naive natives; forcing the Scriptures on reluctant listeners; or exporting a "superior" way of life to "backward" peoples. These have never been a part of accepted Missionary methods. Today, Missionaries are being trained, as never before, to be sensitive to the feelings of others, and to be careful how they tell the good news. It must be done humbly, out of a deep concern for the best interests of the other person, not condescendingly, as a superior to an inferior. We need to recognize that the people to be served undoubtedly have many qualities that are better than our own and those of our own culture, but we want to share something supremely good with them, namely, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We know this Gospel, not because we are any better than they, but simply because there were faithful Missionaries who brought it to the land of our forefathers. Now we must tell others this good news, if we are to be faithful to our Lord.

To help you answer the question at the head of this article, here are some verses you can look up and discuss with your group:—

1. John 3:16 — Don't you think it's worth going a long way to tell people that God loves them, and that He loves the whole world?
2. Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15 — Don't you think these marching orders are pretty clear?
3. John 8:12; John 14:6, and John 17:3. These verses raise the whole question of the uniqueness of Christ, as the way of knowing God and his plan for the world. Does this mean that other religions are all absolutely wrong? Modern Missionaries try to understand and appreciate other men's faiths, and to show how Christ fulfills, and goes far beyond, their highest hopes.
4. Acts 2:32 (see also Acts 2:36). Jesus Christ died upon the cross for the sins of the world, and rose again with power to lead people to a new life. Don't you think this is something all people should know, whatever their religion may be?
5. Acts 1:8. Jesus is counting on us to be His witnesses (i.e. to tell others why He lived, died, and rose again.)
6. Matthew 25:40. Too often, people think of missions for what they can get out of them, rather than what they can give through them. Everyone needs the kindly ministries of Christ. It is the Christian's privilege to carry these out across the world, to places of great need. Christian Missions, in seeking to meet the real needs of people, have always been the bearers of these ministries, such as doctors, teachers, agriculturalists, social workers. This is why the church is often described as a servant; the church is called not to rule but to serve.

The story of Jesus and all that it means for mankind is worth making known. It is a fact of history, but, if others are to know it, the news must be passed on, by word of mouth or in writing, and by one's whole life. This is the objective fact of the Gospel, that makes it necessary to go and tell, and keep on telling, until the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth as the waters cover the sea.

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HOW GREAT!

Great God, the way before us lies
So plain, so straight, so rich with blessings,
Thine is the work to clear the way,
No obstacle can stand before thy glorious power.
Thine is the work to clear the way,
Ours, gratefully, to obey.
Great God, how rich our heritage,
How great Thy power!

(Selected)

Boys and Girls!

IN A CHAPEL OF INDIA

by ARMILDA B. KEISER

As the day began, there were no busier girls in all the village than the three little sisters, Soshila, Dulari, and Sita. They were to take care of the house by themselves for the whole day. They were to look after their baby brother Prem. In India, the only boy of a family is very precious, and so it was with Prem. Mother had gone to another village to help at a wedding. Father was working in a far-off field.

"I'm to be the little mother," said Soshila. "Dulari, you go to the well for a jar of water. Sita, you take the baby to the shade of the tree. I shall sweep the house."

By the time the earthen floor of the small house was swept, Dulari was back, carrying the jar of water on her head. The two older girls started scrubbing the brass cooking pots. All of a sudden, they heard Sita scream loudly. They rushed out to the tree by the house. Baby Prem was gasping and struggling in Sita's arms.

"He was chewing a little twig," said Sita, crying. "It must be stuck in his throat!"

Soshila put her finger in the baby's open mouth, but she could not touch the twig. All the time she was wondering where to go for help. Mother and Father were too far away. The neighbors might not know how to remove the twig.

"The nurse at the Clinic! We'll go to her," said Soshila. She took the baby in her arms and started off down the road. Her sisters hurried after her, their bare feet padding in the dust.

All three children knew the Clinic. It was held in the big Christian hospital that stood on the outskirts of the next village. Mother had taken Prem there ever since he was tiny. She said that was why he was so healthy.

The way to the Clinic seemed long under the hot Indian sun. Soshila carried the baby until her arms ached. Then Dulari took him for a while, and next Sita carried him. The baby's breath came and went in harsh gasps.

At last the hospital was reached.

The three sisters hurried through the Clinic door. The nurse noticed them at once, though she was busy with other babies. She took Prem into her arms as she listened to what had happened.

"I'll carry him to the doctor," she said, and hurried out of the room. Soshila, Dulari and Sita, were too worried to notice the other babies.

In a few moments the nurse was back. She was smiling. "The twig is out and the baby is all right," she said. "You are brave girls to bring him here by yourselves. He might have died otherwise. But now he is tired. He needs a rest and sleep. You go out and play for an hour. Then come back for him."

The three sisters went out of the Clinic. Somehow they did not feel like playing. They wandered over to the spot where the Hospital Chapel stood. It was not a large place, but it was beautiful. The sides were open to the air, except for the carved pillars which held up the roof. There were no pews or chairs, for people in India like to sit upon the floor. At the altar end of the Chapel an openwork Cross was set into the thick wall. The light sifted through the openwork and gave it a lacy look.

In this Chapel the people at the Hospital met for Christian worship. Here they heard the stories of Jesus read aloud. Here they sang hymns and made prayers of thanks to God.

Very softly the three children entered the Chapel. Soshila, Dulari, and Sita, came to a stop in front of the Cross in the wall. This was the place they wanted to be. Soshila dropped to her knees and clasped her hands. She spoke no words. But her heart was full of thanks. "Prem is safe. The Hospital was here to help. God is very good to all of us," thought Soshila.

After a few minutes the three sisters tip-toed away from the Chapel. Now they could be happy. They sat under a tree, playing jack-stones until the nurse called them. Then they carried Prem safely back to their village home.

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LIGHT!

One candle in the darkest room
Shines, beacon-like, across the gloom.
One lighted window casts a glow
Defying lightning, storm and snow.
One smile upon a happy face
Cheers up the saddest kind of place.
One friendly word brings hope's warm flame
To hearts lost in a fog of shame.
One prayer of faith lights bonfires bright
That make day dawn in blackest light!

—Frances Gorman Risser

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1964

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND GIVING

THEME: "LET US PRAY"

This service has been prepared by Dr. Madeleine Barot, one of the Executive Secretaries of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

First Leader: "Whatever you ask in my name I will do it" . . . John 14: 13

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the spirit Himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words." Romans 8: 26

"Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea', and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him." Mark 11: 23

INVOCATION:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

— The Book of Common Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING BY ONE APPOINTED: Psalm 148

HYMN: "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens adore Him" — No. 133

(Congregation standing)

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath He made.

Praise the Lord; for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail:
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His Name.

(Congregation seated)

THE MEANING OF THIS DAY

Today, around the world, Christians of all confessions, of all nations, of all races are united in prayer each for the other and for the needs of the world.

Since the day began in the islands of the Pacific this invisible stream of prayer has been moving around the world until it has come now to us. Here in this place we are united horizontally with one another, with our fellow Christians of all races and many nations, in concern for the needs of all our fellow human beings across the whole world; we are united vertically with God, the Father of us all Who has given us this means of prayer that we may know Him and each other.

Let us enter into this time of prayer with the awareness that God hears us and according to His will He will answer us.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

(Congregation kneeling or sitting)

Second Leader: Let us join in a prayer of thanksgiving for the Christian unity which is manifested in the World Day of Prayer:

We give thanks, O God, for the women whose vision, faith and consecration in the service of others to the very ends of the earth made possible this Day of Prayer.

We give thanks, O God, for the constancy of the celebration of this Day of Prayer in many nations and churches, as a tradition unbroken by wars, divisions or separations. May its influence spread ever further bringing courage and joy to increasing numbers of groups.

We give thanks, O God, for drawing us together to pray for each other, not only for those here present but also for the hosts of those joined with us in prayer today.

We give thanks, O God, for the call to this ministry of intercession, thereby enlisting us in Thy work of salvation for the world.

We give thanks, O God, for this call to reaffirm our faith and love for Thee and for our brethren whom Thou hast seen fit to give us.

Third Leader: Let us give thanks to God for making us one with Himself and with one another by the sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for our given unity in Thee and Thy constant presence in Thy church.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the movement of the Holy Spirit renewing the life and mission of Thy church throughout the world.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for all Thy gifts to us in spite of our divisions and for teaching us to share them with one another.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Amen.

Fourth Leader: Let us ask God, the Holy Spirit, to kindle in us the burning fire of His love, so that all that is in conflict with His will may be destroyed and the things of the Spirit may live and grow.

Let us pray that He may open our hearts to grow in union with our Lord and, in so doing, in union with one another.

Let us pray that we may be ready to share in the agony of our Lord brought about by our divisions and unfaithfulness so that we may also share in the power of His resurrection.

O Lord Jesus Christ Who didst pray for Thy disciples that they may be one even as Thou art one with the Father, draw us to Thyself that in common love and obedience to Thee we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one spirit, that the world may believe that Thou art Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "Spirit of God, descend Upon My Heart" — No. 276

Verses 1, 3, 4, 5.

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
  Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
  And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King —
  All, all Thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see Thy Cross, — there teach my heart to cling:
  O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
  Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
  Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
  One holy passion filling all my frame, —
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
  My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

(Congregation seated)

MEDITATION ON PRAYER

To be based on the following scripture passages—(See Leaders' Guide.)
Genesis 18:17-33, Luke 11:5-13, Mark 2:11-12.

ACT OF REPENTANCE

(Congregation kneeling or sitting)

Fifth Leader: O Lord, accept now the repentance of our contrite hearts. Our hearts are heavy with the burden of prayers which we have not expressed, which would have been offered were only our love more true. O God our Father, Who hast set forth the way of life for us in Thy beloved Son; we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our reluctance to follow Him. Thou hast spoken and called, and we have not given heed; Thy beauty has shone forth and we have been blind; Thou hast stretched out Thy hands to us through our fellows and we have passed by. We have taken great benefits with little thanks; we have been unworthy of Thy changeless love.

People: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

Leader: Forgive us, we beseech Thee, the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our inconstancy and unbelief, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our false pretences and our wilful ignorance of Thy ways.

People: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

Leader: Forgive us wherein we have wasted our time or misused our gifts. Forgive us wherein we have excused our own wrong-doing or evaded our responsibilities.

Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good, that we have drawn back from the Cross.

People: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

Leader: Forgive us that so little of Thy love has reached others through us, and that we have borne so lightly wrongs and sufferings that were not our own. Forgive us wherein we have cherished the things that divide us from others, and wherein we have made it hard for them to live with us; and wherein we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness.

People: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

Leader: If we have made no ventures in fellowship; if we have kept in our heart a grievance against another; if we have not sought reconciliation; if we have been eager for the punishment of wrong-doers, and slow to seek their redemption;

People: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

Leader: We ask Thy pardon that our intercessions may be acceptable through Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. Amen.

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "Breathe on me, Breath of God" — No. 270

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

(Congregation seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sixth Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, the welfare of God's holy Churches, and the union of them all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house and for those who enter herein with faith, reverence, and godly fear, let us pray to the Lord.

For the nations to which we belong, for this land, for this city, for all cities and all lands, and for unity among all nations, let us pray to the Lord.

For the sake of those that travel by land, air or water, the sick, the suffering, and prisoners and exiles, for the poor workless, for the unhappy, for sinners and unbelievers, for those who love us and those who hate us, let us pray to the Lord. For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, anger and depression, let us pray to the Lord.

Help, save, have mercy, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace. Amen.

(from the vesper service of the Orthodox Church)

Leader: Let us pray for the world of today. — (A pause should be observed after each petition.)

O Thou, Who compassest the whole earth with Thy most merciful favor, we pray for our world of today. We pray, O God, especially:

—for all who are working for purer and juster laws
—for all who are working for peace between the nations
—for all who are engaged in healing disease
—for all who are engaged in the relief of poverty
—for all who are engaged in the rescue of the fallen
—for all who are working towards the restoration of the broken unity of the Church
—for all who preach the Gospel
—for all who bear witness to Christ in other lands.

Cast down, O Lord, all the forces of cruelty and wrong. Defeat all selfish and worldly-minded schemes, and prosper all that is conceived among us in the spirit of Christ and carried out to the honor of His name. Amen.

(from a Diary of Private Prayer by John Baillie)

Leader: Let us conclude our intercession with St. Paul's prayer (as found in Ephesians 3:14-21).

First Leader: Since its beginning it has been the custom on the World Day of Prayer to complement our prayers with an offering to strengthen united efforts in the mission of the Church at home and abroad. The offering received in Canada today will help to support the Bible Societies of Canada, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Egypt, Burma, the West Indies and Brazil, and the Christian Literature Societies of India, Japan and Hong Kong.

It will provide Christian Literature for Vellore and Ludhiana Medical Colleges in India and Little Libraries for India, Malaya, Sudan and Korea. Five African countries will receive gifts for Christian Literature. In Canada, our gifts go for Christian Literature and Talking Books in Braille for the blind; for Evangelical Literature in French; for a number of Christian ethnic periodicals; for Friendly Relations with the 7,000 Overseas Students studying in Canadian universities; and for the work of the Indian-Eskimo Association of Canada. These are only a few of the grants. A complete and impressive list of gifts from the Day of Prayer offerings in 1963 is found on the last two pages of this program. The 1963 offerings were the largest in our history. If they continue to increase, our contributions will provide even greater assistance to many Christian enterprises throughout the world.

LET US PRAY: O God, Who has prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee and our fellow men that we may share our bounty freely and gladly.

We lift up to Thee all persons involved in any way within these projects which Thou hast given us as our responsibility. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERING WILL NOW BE RECEIVED

(Upon presentation of the offering the leader and people shall say or sing the following: —)

(Congregation standing)

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

(Congregation seated)

SOLO: O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart Thy Brother

REDEDICATION TO THE SERVICE OF OTHERS

(Congregation standing)

First Leader: And now, beloved, let us bind ourselves with willing bonds to our covenant God, taking the yoke of Christ upon us.

People: Taking His yoke upon us means that we are heartily content that He appoint us our place and work, and that He alone be our reward.

Leader: Christ has many services to be rendered; some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suited to our natural inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. In some, we may please Christ and please ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is assuredly given us in Christ Who strengtheneth us.

People: Therefore let us make the Covenant of God our own. Let us engage our hearts to the Lord, and resolve in His strength never to turn back.

Leader: Being thus prepared, let us now, in sincere dependence on His grace and trusting His promises, yield ourselves anew to Him.
In closing let us join together in the Prayer our Lord has taught us, for this includes and completes all our family prayers.

(The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN: "The Day Thou Gavest" — Verses 1, 2, 3, 5 — No. 671

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away.
Thy kingdom stands and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

BENEDICTION:

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. Amen.

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"Where there is Faith, there is Love;
Where there is Love, there is Peace;
Where there is Peace, there is God,
Where there is God, there is no need."

Your Prayers are asked

—For all National Missionaries, that they may be renewed in strength and courage to accept the responsibility, and the challenge, of another year of service.

—That all whom they serve, in 1964, may have a new vision of life's purpose and possibilities as revealed in Jesus Christ.

—For the educational work in India. Pray for the witness that is being made in the Amkhut School, and in the Village Schools in the Bhil Field. Pray for the staff and students of the Helen MacDonald School, remembering particularly the twenty Tibetan refugee children.

—For the new members of staff. For Miss Sarjeant and Miss Polson, who are studying language in Allahabad; for Miss Dredge, who has begun her work in Union School in Umuahia; for Miss Hyndman who, when this issue is in your hands, will be in Japan.

—. . . that, in this New Year of opportunity, all may recognize the opportunities open to them for Christian service.

—. . . that, as members of the Women's Missionary Society entering the 100th Anniversary Year, we give thanks for the past, and accept the challenge of the future.

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. E. W. Jones, presided at the 35th Anniversary Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kimberley,* when the Pageant "I Must Work—The Night Cometh" was presented by Mrs. J. Allison and five W.M.S. members. Mrs. R. Armour gave the Auxiliary History, and Mrs. P. Mishow told of W.M.S. work at home and Overseas. Presbyterial President, Mrs. D. Jarrett, brought greetings, and outlined the plans for the Anniversaries Celebrations in Montreal in May. Greetings from the Church Session were extended by Mr. G. Williams, who also led the Junior Choir in their selection, and the Senior Choir, directed by Mrs. G. Hogg, sang also. Following the Benediction, by the Rev. J. Allison, a Fellowship Hour was enjoyed, when the Anniversary Cake, donated by

Mrs. Ranger, was cut by Mrs. R. Armour, and served by the C.G.I.T. Ten members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cranbrook,* were present and congratulations were received from the W.M.S. of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, *Creston.*

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Trail,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting at the Evening Church Service, with Miss Lily Simpson, recently retired from the *Bhil Field, India,* the Guest Speaker, illustrating her Address with coloured slides. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. J. Kirker who are leaving to live in *White Rock,* and a corsage and boutonniere, presented by Mrs. A. Murray, and Mr. Boyden, accompanied the gifts. President, Mrs. D. Downie, presided, and refreshments were served later.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Nanaimo,* decorated their Church for the Sunday Services, and held their Thank-Offering Meeting at the Evening Service. The Guest Speaker was Miss Lily Simpson, who spoke of her 35 years of Missionary service in *India,* and showed beautiful slides of the country and its people. At the regular Meeting, the following week, Mrs. F. E. Adolph, President, led the Thanksgiving Service of Worship from "The Glad Tidings", with Mrs. D. Peffers, Mrs. D. Jamieson, and Mrs. A. K. Young taking part. Maureen Cochrane, daughter of the Minister, the Rev. Robert Cochrane, sang, and Mrs. Cochrane gave the Closing Prayer. Tea Hostesses were Mrs. Adolph and Mrs. Jamieson.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial took place in *Murrayville* Presbyterian Church, with the Theme "Here Am I, Send Me". The Rev. D. Corbett conducted the Worship Service, and Mrs. Angus MacKay gave an illustrated Lecture on "Life In India Today". Mrs. J. A. Murdock reported the Annual Council Meeting, and Mrs. A. Bosey, Presbyterial Representative at *Regina,* interviewed Miss Lily Simpson. Miss Ellen Douglas and Mrs. Kenney gave the highlights of the Pacific Northwest Missionary Conference, and, after lunch served by *Murrayville* ladies, the Meeting continued with Reports, and a general review of the activities of the *Valley* Auxiliaries. Dr. Oliver Nugent brought Presbytery greetings.

The Service of Worship from "The Glad Tidings" was used at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church. Mrs. A. B. Bosey, President of *Mount Pleasant* W.M.S. Auxiliary introduced Miss Lily Simpson, who showed her coloured slides of *India,* and told of the W.M.S. work in the *Bhil Field* there. The Rev. S. L. McIntyre closed the Meeting with Prayer.

Mrs. Angus MacKay, of the

Jhansi Field, India, was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Burnaby*. Her interesting Address was illustrated with many slides of the country and the W.M.S. work there. The Rev. L. D. Hankinson led the Worship Service, and the C.G.I.T. participated in the singing.

Major William Leslie, accompanied by a group from the Salvation Army Harbour Lights Corps, was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver*. His subject, "Modern-Day Miracles" was illustrated by a film showing conditions on Skid Road, and by testimonials of some of the men who had been saved from degradation there. In music and singing, thanks was given, and tribute was paid to the work of Major Leslie and the Harbour Light Mission.

Miss Alexa Cameron, a graduate in Agriculture and Teaching, from the University of *British Columbia,* and now with the Bible and Medical Mission Fellowship of *India,* who has been teaching Old Testament Scripture and English at the Union Bible Seminary at Yeotmal, *India,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Kerrisdale* Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver*. Her subject, "Protestants Working Together in South Asia", was illustrated with interesting slides of her work, and her extensive travels in *India*. The Thanksgiving Devotional was given by Miss Lily Simpson, Reg. N., now retired from the W.M.S. Missionary Staff in India. During the Tea Hour, Miss Cameron brought recent news of several Presbyterian workers in *India*.

MONTREAL and OTTAWA

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — As a tribute to the late Miss Bessie Margaret MacMurchy Reg.N., M. Sc.N., this Presbyterial held an Open Meeting in Ephraim Scott Memorial Church, *Montreal*. Guest Speakers were Miss Ivy Estall, former Administrator at Canada Hospital, *Masek, India,* and Miss Naomi McGorman, a Canadian Nurse, who has completed her first term at Landour Community Hospital, *Northern India*.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* held a Congregational Family Night recently, when Dr. J. A. and Mrs. Campbell, who for the past year have been serving at the American University of *Beirut, Lebanon,* gave a Travelogue on "The Eastern Lands." Mrs. J. A. Campbell was presented with a Life Membership Certificate and Pin. C.G.I.T. members received the Offering, and Mrs. W. N. Drummond sang, accompanied by Mrs. G. W. Earnshaw. Refreshments were served by members of the Auxiliary.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — The Executive Meeting of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sherbrooke, Quebec,* with President, Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, presiding. The Theme was "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The Morning Devotional was conducted by the Rev. A. M. McCombie; Afternoon Devotions were given by Mrs. W. W. Laurison. Reports were given by Miss Bertha Ferguson, Financial Secretary; Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary; Mrs. Chas. Falconer on the Leadership Training School in *Belleville.* A Round-Table Discussion on "This Synodical in Review," was conducted by Miss Lois Powrie, assisted by the Presbyterial Presidents—Mrs. C. Brown, *Brockville*; Mrs. J. McCleverty, *Glengarry*; Mrs. John Jack, *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; Mrs. Ronald Rowat, *Montreal*; Mrs. P. Mongomery, *Ottawa*; Mrs. Herbert Mayhew, *Quebec.*

Miss Doris Blais, *Montreal,* led a Panel Discussion on "The W.M.S. in the 20th Century," and Mrs. Mouland closed the Morning Session with Prayer. The highlight of the Afternoon Session was the Address by Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, on "The W.M.S. in the 20th Century." Mrs. H. M. Clancy, of *Arnprior,* presented the Report of the Nominating Committee, and Mrs. F. M. Mooney, of *Ottawa,* gave the Courtesies Report. The Annual Meeting of this Synodical will be held in *Ottawa,* April 6-7-8, 1964. The Rev. A. M. McCombie officially welcomed delegates at the Afternoon Session, to which Mrs. H. M. Clancy, First Vice-President of Synodical, replied. Mrs. John Jack, of *Forester's Falls,* President of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial, closed the Sessions.

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How soon the hungry Wild Birds know
Where hearts are kind, and food is found
And safety, faith, and trust abound!
They pay with songs, and beauty too —
God's lovely feathered gifts to you!

(L.M.C.)

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"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW . . ."

(A series of four Services of Worship)

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MISS WEBSTER

(We are most grateful to Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of Ewart College, Toronto, for her kindness in permitting us to publish, as space will permit, the inspirational Services of Worship, given in the morning Devotional Periods, which she conducted in the Chapel of Ewart College, each day of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College last May. These Worship Services were based on the Key Verse of the Council Sessions — "I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (St. John 17 — verse 23) — and we feel sure that our readers will find them as helpful and worthwhile in their guidance for daily living, as did those Council members who were privileged to hear them. This is the fourth of these Worship Services and the final one.

IV—"I IN THEM AND THOU IN ME" (John 17:23)*

CALL TO WORSHIP: The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

INVOCATION: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: "God of mercy, God of Grace"—Book of Praise, No. 58.

MEDITATION: "I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that Thou has sent Me and hast loved them even as Thou hast loved Me."*

The first part of this verse in Christ's prayer shows us the way in which it is possible for us to have some share in answering this prayer that the world may know. — "I in them, and Thou in Me."

"I in them" — how can this be? Dietrich Bonhoeffer in **"The Cost of Discipleship"**** suggests that, as a consequence of the Incarnation, all men are "with Christ," for in the Incarnation Jesus bore our whole human nature. Christ is our Emmanuel, "God with us." The Christian is baptized into Christ. The Christians are "in Christ" and "Christ in them" in the totality of their being and life.

Christ continues to live in the lives of His followers, for His work on earth is not yet finished. St. Paul was able to say: "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." (Galatians 2:20), and again, "to me to live is Christ." (Philippians 1:21). We have been transformed into the image of Christ and are therefore destined to be like Him. He is the only pattern we must follow. It is only because we are identified with Him that we can become like Him.

So, we can share in His prayer: "that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me and hast loved them even as Thou hast loved Me" — for He is in us as God is in Him.

SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-8.

LEADER: Let us now renew our vows of consecration. Let us, remembering the mercies of God, and the hope of His calling, examine ourselves by the light of His Spirit, and give ourselves anew to Him.

ADORATION

Let us adore the Father, the God of Love who created us; who every moment preserves and sustains us; who has loved us with an everlasting love, and given us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE: We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

LEADER: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; Who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom; Who was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin; Who became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; Who was dead, and liveth for evermore.

RESPONSE: Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

LEADER: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the Body of Christ; Whose witness confirms us; Whose wisdom teaches us; Whose power enables us; Who waits to do for us exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

RESPONSE: All praise to Thee, O Holy Spirit.

THANKSGIVING

LEADER: O God our Father, the fountain of all goodness, who hast been gracious to us through all the years of our life: we give Thee thanks for Thy loving-kindness which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

RESPONSE: We praise Thy holy Name, O Lord.

LEADER: Thou hast given us life and reason, and set us in a world which is full of Thy glory. Thou hast comforted us with kindred and friends, and ministered to us through the hands and minds of our fellows.

RESPONSE: We praise Thy holy Name, O Lord.

LEADER: Thou has set in our hearts a hunger for Thee, and given us Thy peace. Thou hast redeemed us and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. Thou hast given us a place in the fellowship of Thy Spirit and the witness of Thy Church.

RESPONSE: We praise Thy holy Name, O Lord.

CONFESSION

LEADER: O God our Father, who hast set forth the way of life for us in Thy beloved Son: we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our reluctance to follow Him.

RESPONSE: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

LEADER: Forgive us we beseech Thee, the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ.

RESPONSE: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

LEADER: Forgive us wherein we have wasted our time, or misused our gifts. Forgive us wherein we have excused our own wrongdoing, or evaded our responsibilities. Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good, that we have drawn back from the cross.

RESPONSE: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

LEADER: Forgive us that so little of Thy love has reached others through us. Forgive us wherein we have cherished the things that divide us from others, and wherein we have made it hard for them to see Christ in us.

RESPONSE: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord. Amen.

DEDICATION

LEADER: This is the message which we have heard from Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

RESPONSE: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

LEADER: Let us offer ourselves anew unto God.

Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are very close to us, others are in distant places. In some we may please Christ, and also please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ, except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is assuredly given us in Christ, who strengtheneth us.

Therefore let us pray that Christ may be in us, that we may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that God sent Christ, and that He hast loved His children, even as He loved His own Son.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN: "O God of mercy, God of might" — Book of Praise, No. 583.

BENEDICTION: Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Some sections of the responsive litany in this service were adapted from the Covenant Service, printed in Venite Adoramus *published in Geneva by the World Student Christian Federation, 1951.)*

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A MIRACLE!

It took a miracle
To put the stars in place;
It took a miracle
To hang the moon in space;
But when God takes a soul
And makes it whole,
It is a Miracle of Grace! (Selected)

PRAYER

by MISS HELEN ROSS
Deaconess, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School
Kenora, Ontario.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, in humility we bow our heads and hearts before Thee, Who art our Father and our God. We thank Thee that we can come to Thee as children to a father, Who is ready and willing to hear us when we pray and confess our sins, and make our wants and wishes known. We come to Thee, knowing that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed, and are unworthy of Thy forgiveness and love. We thank Thee that Thou art a forgiving and loving Father, Who careth for us, and rejoiceth over repentant sinners.

We thank Thee, our Father, for Thy servants who have dedicated their lives to Thy service at home and abroad. Bless them in their work as evangelists, teachers, doctors, nurses, or in any other way, whereby they minister to the spiritual life of those who are in need of Thy Fatherly care.

As our thoughts are turned, in a special way, to India this year, we pray, O God, that Thou wilt bless the Missionaries and native workers on the Bhil and Jhansi Fields, as well as the co-operative work in the Vellore Medical College, in Ludhiana, and Indore.

We seek Thy blessing on the Indian people in our own land. Bless the preaching and teaching on the Reserves, and in our Residential Schools. Wilt Thou inspire many of the students to dedicate their lives to vocations which will be a Christian witness among their own people, when they return to their Reserves.

We pray that all the women of our Church may be richly blessed as they look forward to the Anniversaries Celebrations. May this time of fellowship and inspiration arouse within us a deeper sense of our responsibility, to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. We pray that in Thy good time our Motto may be realized, "The World For Christ".

With hearts filled with gratitude to Thee, our Father, we pray Thee to hear our prayer, and answer it according to Thy will, for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

by MR. W. S. WALTON, Treasurer,
and
Chairman of the Finance Committee
of the
Administrative Council

The Administrative Council has directed me to prepare for circulation a statement concerning our financial policy, as now established by General Assembly. The Council is desirous of having the statement published in Publications which serve the Church.

For some years, there had been a growing dissatisfaction with overspending and deficit financing, and generally with the administration of our Church finances. This dissatisfaction was evidenced by four separate overtures presented to the 84th General Assembly, (1958) from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nova Scotia. The Assembly thereupon appointed a Special Committee with authority, inter alia, to make all relevant investigations and to engage business consultants to examine the financial structure and administrative organization and procedures of Assembly Boards and Committees. Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co. were employed as the business consultants. As a result of reports and recommendations of the Special Committee, the Administrative Council was duly established by the 86th General Assembly. The Council, which includes representatives of the major Boards and of the Colleges, is the chief administrative body of the Church, reporting to and responsible to the General Assembly.

After careful study, the Council recommended various changes in financial administration and policy, which the General Assembly has adopted. One of the changes in financial administration involved establishment of the Church under the direction of the Council. The present financial policy was established for the purpose of—

"(i) utilizing all the resources of the Church for the whole program of the Church and enabling the Administrative Council properly to allocate available funds to meet approved expenditures, and

(ii) reflecting more accurately the income and expenditures of each year, and

(iii) assuring more effectual control of moneys available and coordinating expenditures both on current account and capital account." (vide 1962 A & P, page 356)

The General Assembly enactment (vide 1962 A & P, pp 356-7 and 53) and an opinion of the Church Counsel, relative thereto (vide 1963 A & P pp 377-8) are appended to this letter.

Introduction of this definitive policy was contemporaneous with the decision to increase the minimum annual stipend from $3,100 to $3.900. The recommendation of the Council that such increase be made was based on the estimated funds which would be available to the Church as a result of such policy.

The responsibility for the financial affairs of the Church has been placed on the Administrative Council, and the chief object of the financial policy is to put to work as soon as possible, and to the best advantage, all moneys which are available for use in the work of the Church, taking care to direct them into the proper channels.

Income must be estimated and authorized expenditures must be fixed well in advance of requirements in order that the Boards may plan their work.

Expenditures are authorized on a gross basis i.e. expenditures authorized for each Board are to cover essential work which can feasibly be undertaken, having regard to available personnel and moneys which we expect will be available. Income is also estimated on a gross basis, including all moneys expected to be available from congregational givings, bequests, gifts and income from investments. Thus, allowance is made for bequests and gifts which may be received. Some gifts and bequests are subject to specified conditions and must be reserved for a special purpose. However, bequests or gifts to be used for work which is being carried on or is planned, and which is included in the Budget, are treated as general income to the extent of the amount authorized for expenditure on such work. For example, in 1962, out of its total expenditures of $1,742,792 on general account the Church expended through the General Board of Missions $1,056,175 which included $47,969 received by way of gifts and bequests for missions.

All bequests and gifts are reported to the next meeting of Administrative Council or its Executive Committee which in turn reports to the Council. Disposition of the gift or bequest must be approved by the Council.

The primary and continuing obligation of the Church is to provide for work authorized by the General Assembly to the extent of our means. As general revenue increases, whether from congregations, investment income, bequests or gifts, authorized expenditures can be increased and the work of the Church expanded.

The results derived from the administrative and financial changes thus made have been very gratifying and fully justify the actions taken. The increase in the annual minimum stipend from $3,100 to $3,900 was fully implemented from July 1, 1962 and complete increments are being paid to home and overseas missionaries from January 1, 1963. Moreover the Council was able to report to the 89th General Assembly that as at the end of 1962, for the first time in many years, the Church did not have a deficit on current account. Control of expenditures and consequent cessation of deficit financing have, I believe, restored confidence in the financial administration of the Church. Most important of all, the work of the Church has continued to expand within the limit of our means.

Income and expenditure of the Church have increased greatly since 1925 and the work of the Church has correspondingly increased according to the funds available. Some idea of the growth of our Church may be gathered when we remember that in 1926 our reported expenditures approximated $400,000. Some slight reduction occurred in the depression and war years and in 1946 reported expenditures approximated only $375,000. Since then growth has been steady and phenomenal and the expenditures authorized by the General Assembly for 1963 are $1,940,690.

We must all feel a deep sense of gratitude to God for His goodness in permitting our Church thus to extend her field of service. I believe that we can look forward to a continuing growth and expansion of our work at home and abroad under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the continued dedication and sacrificial giving of our people. I am convinced that, on our part, this requires continuance of the present financial policy, coupled with careful and orderly administration of our financial affairs.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE 88th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(pages 356 — 7 and 53)

"This Assembly enact:

(a) That the annual budget for current expenditures shall state gross estimated income and the statement of Authorized Expenditures shall set forth the gross or maximum amounts which the respective spending boards and committees will have available for expenses. Gross estimated income will include, (i) budget receipts, (ii) revenue from sales of material, rentals, etc., (iii) bequests and gifts available for current operations in accordance with section (b) of this resolution, and (iv) investment income and any other amounts available for current operations; and no deduction of estimated receipts will be made in fixing the amount available to the board or committee.

(b) That the practice of placing gifts, bequests and income from investments at the discretion of certain spending boards shall be discontinued and these will be considered as part of the income of the Church except (i) where the conditions contained in the instrument of bequest of gift do not permit this course to be followed or (ii) where the Administrative Council determines that any particular gift or bequest is to be reversed for a specified purpose.

Note: In explanation of this section of the resolution it is pointed out that bequests and gifts such as "for missions", are of so general a nature that the terms of the bequest or gift are met if an amount equivalent to the bequest or gift is expended in the indicated area or for the indicated purpose. On the other hand where a bequest or gift is "for ministerial assistance", "for a scholarship" or for work in a new area or a type not presently being done or for a named specific project, the funds, of course, will be so applied. Likewise, where a bequest or gift is given for endowment funds or wording is used making it a capital fund, these moneys would not be available for current operations but the income from such funds would be available for current use subject to any contrary direction contained in the instrument of bequests or gifts.

(c) That an annual budget of capital expenditures be established, and that for the years 1962, 1963 and 1964, capital expenditures for Home Missions and Overseas Missions will be provided by liquidating their respective reserve investments on hand at the end of the year 1961, supplemented by specially designated gifts.

(d) That the provision of the resolution shall apply in the year 1962 and to subsequent years.

(e) That all resolutions or directions in whatever form heretofore enacted which conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

(f) That all bequests and gifts be reported by the Comptroller to the Administrative Council or its Executive Committee at its meeting next following the receipt thereof.

(g) That the Administrative Council in co-operation with the Boards circularize the Church on the new financial policy so that all our people may be fully informed.

(h) That because we are in an experimental period financially this new financial policy be subject to annual review.

(i) That the Administrative Council be instructed with the Board to set up adequate plans for calling our people to more generous giving so that we may both do justice to our workers by ensuring adequate support, and be faithful as a Church in our missionary outreach."

(Pages 377-8)

"Re Financial Policy. It has been drawn to the attention of the Administrative Council that the Note to Sub-section 8(b) of the Recommendation of the Administrative Council adopted by the 88th General Assembly (1962) (vide pp. 356 and 7 of the Acts and Proceedings) has given rise to some misunderstanding. In order to clarify the situation, the Administrative Council issues the following memorandum on advice of Counsel:

Note: In explanation of this subsection of the Recommendation it is pointed out that in the case of a gift or bequest for any specific institution, organization, trust, plan, scheme or fund of the Church such gift or bequest shall be applied for such specific purpose and in compliance with the provisions of an Act to incorporate The Trustee Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, being Chapter 64 of the Statutes of Canada, 1939, and amendments thereto and ancillary Provincial legislation. However, when provision is made in the annual budget or authorized expenditures of the Church for such specific institution, organization, trust, plan, scheme or fund of the Church, the Administrative Council may make or provide for such changes in the said budget or authorized expenditures in respect of the amount included for such institution, organization, trust, plan, scheme or fund as it may consider necessary or advisable to take such gift or bequest into account, unless by the terms of the gift or bequest it is provided that such gift or bequest shall be in addition to any amount which may be provided in the said budget or authorized expenditures for the said institution, organization, trust, plan, scheme or fund of the Church."

KEEP THESE DATES !

May 8-9-10, 1964

The Anniversaries Celebration — the 100th Anniversary
and the 50th Anniversary
in Montreal, Quebec
at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

May 11-12, 1964

The Annual Meeting of Council

Brief Business Meeting, immediately following
close of Anniversaries Celebration,
at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

Further information will be given later

LET US ALL PREPARE . . .

(From the Anniversaries' Committee)

As has been announced many times, the women of The Presbyterian Church in Canada are planning to meet in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, on May 8, 9, 10, 1964, to mark one hundred years of organized Women's Work. We look forward, on that occasion, to many things, but most of all to the study on the theme — "The World for Christ," to be led by Miss Margaret Kennedy of India.

Let us all prepare for this study — every woman in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, whether she can go to Montreal in May 1964 or not!

To help us prepare, Miss Kennedy has written the following letter to each one of us. Let us all endeavour to make the preparation she suggests.

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Barwani, M.P. Via Mhow, India

Dear Friends:—

How much reading do you do in a week? One hundred pages is as nothing, I am sure! Do you think that we women, bound together in the interest of God's Church in all the world, could read one hundred odd pages through a period of several weeks?

I am proposing to you that the women of the Women's Missionary Society, throughout Canada, should celebrate the completion of One Hundred Years of organized Women's Service for their Lord Jesus Christ by studying the one hundred, or so, pages of the written record of our Lord's life.

Jesus Christ came into this world to show, and to make available, the life which God prepared for all men. This life had been envisaged for many ages, but only in glimpses. Now here it was in a living person!

—In what ways was this life different?

—What great new commands did He bring that *we* might live in this divinely-appointed life?

—What *New Obedience* does He demand of us?

Did Jesus give commandments? Read through the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and write down every direct command of Jesus — not those where He commands immediate action from an individual, or a group, in a contemporary situation, but the commands given as rules of conduct

for us. Just see how big, or how small, a notebook you need to contain these! Then turn to John's Gospel and, while looking for His commands there, take note, also, of the number of times Jesus gave a choice, instead of a command.

If we all do this basic study, then in May, those of us who are fortunate enough, will converge on Montreal from all points, ready to delve more deeply into the implications of the truth in Christ, for us in today's world. "The World For Christ" has been our Motto, and is our Theme despite all the changes of the last hundred years.

—What is God saying amidst the tumult of today when races, sects, nations, and denominations, are being thrust together and entangled by forces of history?
—What does Jesus teach in the world of our own lives?
—Where is "religion" relevant here?
—Can we judge what connotes "religion" in His eyes?

If we earnestly seek, in study and in prayer, to know more of God's truth, He will, we know, delight to answer us. Where will He lead us, in a new century of Christian Women's Service? What lies ahead for us? We don't know; we don't need to know . . . He who is the very ground of our being will be with us; we will go on fearlessly.

Yours sincerely, Margaret F. Kennedy

THE BESSIE MacMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

The Amount in the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund up to December 17th, 1963, is $2,671.52. The fund now is large enough to pay the travelling expenses of Miss Patras to Canada, and to pay approximately one year's tuition at the University. We deeply appreciate the gifts that have come for this fund. We recognize in the donors the affection that they had for Miss MacMurchy and their deep interest in her work. We have been made aware that there are other contributions to be made to this fund. Already it would seem that the fund will be able to train Miss Patras for the task in Indore. This truly will be a fitting memorial to Bessie Margaret MacMurchy.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800; 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

ALONG THE ESSEQUIBO COAST

by MISS ATHALIE READ, British Guiana

It is a beautiful sight—sitting on the porch at Sarnia Manse in the evening when the moon is full, looking through the palm trees to see the path of the moon on the water! In the morning, before the sun has come up over the South Atlantic, you can hear the neighbours going to the pipe for water. If you can see them coming out from the trees, the youngest to the oldest will be carrying their water pots. Then the road begins to get busy with people going to work at Suddie; the big trucks carrying the rice paddy to the mill; sometimes a huge rice combine; donkey carts of various sizes and shapes, being drawn by two or three donkeys. One day I said to a Guianese "that poor little donkey carrying such a heavy load"! The answer came back; "Yes! It can't speak for itself". One morning I saw a man riding a bicycle, leading two oxen by rope, all complete with his transistor radio playing in his pocket.

In Sarnia Manse, where I live, perhaps it is the morning the Church School teachers from the Church at Akaswani come to study the next Sunday's lesson. Wednesday is the day for Young People's work, while Thursday afternoon is for the children under twelve years of age.

Last week, a new Guiana Girls In Training Group was organized at Anna Regina, with fourteen girls present. It was good to see as many African girls as East Indians. Once a month I attend the Women's Group at our Churches at Huis T. Dieren and Aurora. At Aurora, a different person takes the Study each month, but at Huis T. Dieren I am trying to have them take part in the Study too. Our Deaconesses have edited a Study called "What We Believe" for the Guiana Presbyterian Women's Groups. At the manse, in September, we had a Rally of all our Women's Groups and about fifty women attended. Many of the older women cannot read, and many do not read well. Often in the afternoon I will leave the car at home, and do some visiting in this area. I meet all my neighbours on the road and have a visit with them. Last week I found an old lady, "Edith" who sees very little. In the past year she has walked only inside the house, from her bed to the hammock.

There are many Hindus living in this area, and just down the road there is a lovely Muslim Mosque.

Usually, in the homes, I read from the Bible and have prayer, and if there are members of the family who are Hindus they will busy themselves doing something, while I am praying.

Most folk know that I go out visiting in the afternoon, so the morning is the time for callers. An African woman, who is having a difficult time with her non-Christian neighbours, comes in and asks if I will play some hymns for her. She uses the expression "to build her up". Then, sometimes, Grannie Ramdsa will come and sit for a while downstairs. She is always asking me why so many young women, who have taken part in our Church in past years, have gone back to Hinduism. It is a question.

In this country, Christians have the Deaconesses in their homes for various occasions. When a couple becomes engaged, I am asked to come and bless the engagement. At first, I didn't know what to do, but with the help of our Catechists, I get through. When a new home is finished and before the family moves in, they have a service. One day a neighbour was opening a sweet shop, we might say a pastry shop; I was asked to say some prayers. I wasn't too happy when I found out it was a rum shop!

As I go about my work, whether visiting in the homes or meeting people along the roads or with the Groups, I am reminded daily, even hourly, of this verse, "And now unto Him who is able to do abundantly above all, we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us", Ephesians 3:20. I have been aware, since coming to British Guiana, that many people at home have been faithful in prayer, because God has given the victory in so many instances that I have lost count of them.

The words of the old hymn often come to me—

> "To God be the glory, great things He hath done:
> So loved He the world that He gave us His Son:
> Who yielded His life an Atonement for sin,
> And opened the Life-gate that all may go in."

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SERVING ON COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

by MRS. A. GLENN THOMPSON

Immediate Past President of the W.M.S. (W.D.)

This is a dedicated service, given by the members of Council Executive who are appointed to the various Committees. It is a fellowship of women, with a definite commitment to one purpose — "The World for Christ". They are busy women occupied with the responsibility of home and family. Yet no hour is too early, or the time too long, to serve on a Committee.

There are five Standing Committees of Council Executive—Organization, Overseas, National, Publications, and Finance—which meet monthly. Other Committees, such as Staff Policy, Anniversaries', and Nominating Committees, meet at the call of the Chairman.

Every service rendered throughout the Women's Missionary Society is of great importance, but the privilege of serving on the Committees of Council Executive is, in my opinion, one of the most challenging. First, because it requires self-discipline — you must endeavour to lose any thought of self-centredness, as this would close the heart to the problems and needs of other people. Secondly — you need to cultivate patience, in order to take time to see things from the other person's point of view, learning to give and take in discussion. Thirdly — the establishing of congenial relationships with the members of other Committees. The good relationship that exists between the Committees of Council Execuive is to be commended. There are many members of Council Executive serving on more than one Committee. The Executive Directors are voting members of the Committees, and are very faithful in their attendance at other Committees, as well as their own. This procedure, I believe to be of great strength to our work. The Executive Directors having first-hand knowledge of every department of the Society's work not only leads to harmony of operation, but gives to each Director an unbiased approach to the presentation she will make to her own Committee and to Council Executive.

If you are priviliged to sit on more than one Committee of Council Executive, you realize in a very short time the partnership and teamwork that exists, and the work as a whole unfolds before you. Serving on the Committees of Council Executive involves a great deal of responsibility, where you must seek God's guidance, through prayer and meditation, with regard to the very important decisions made, which result in recommendations to Council Executive.

As the various aspect of the work are presented, one realizes, all too soon, the requirements for any degree of adequate service means more reading, study, and prayer, in not only the work of your particular Department or Committee but in every branch of the Society's work. You are challenged

(a) with urgent requests from the fields in Canada and Overseas for new Missionaries as well as replacements to fill vacancies because of retirement . . . all for strategic points.

(b) with the importance of increasing the staff in the field of Christian Education in Canada and Overseas.

(c) with appeals for assistance in times of emergency or disaster.

(d) with meeting adequate requirements for housing and transportation for staff on the fields, in Canada and Overseas.

(e) with making decisions regarding changes in staff, because of illness or other reasons.

These are only a few of the heart-searching appeals and problems with which you are confronted. There are many hours of prayerful study and planning given to each item of business, always endeavouring to be fair to each department.

With the Estimates firmly in mind, the urgent appeals and requests are considered as fairly as possible, before the recommendations go to Council Executive. This is necessary because time would not permit Council Executive to give the individual attention to each item of business as is given in the Committees. The urgency to move forward, and not remain static in the missionary task of the Church, is made very vivid at each meeting. I feel sure that the prayer on the heart of each Committee member is for an increase in interest and stewardship, on the part of every woman in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in order that we may not only meet our commitments adequately, but be able to accept new candidates; strengthen our present work; and do our share in the extension of His Kingdom at home and Overseas.

Because of the relationship between the Boards of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and Council Executive, a number of the Committee members serve on Sub-Executives and Committees of the General Board of Missions, and the Board of Christian Education. The Executive Secretaries of the General Board of Missions, and the Board of Christian Education, are members of Council Executive, and therefore sit on the Committees of Council Executive whenever possible. Their participation on the Committees is greatly appreciated, and results in better co-ordination of the work as a whole.

The importance of the work to which we are committed as a Society, and the magnitude of the missionary task of the Christian Church in today's world, make one feel very humble and insufficient in the small contribution made as a Committee member. It is only when we believe in the individual worth of life, that we can believe in the worth of what we do . . . purpose and a meaning come into it. The Great Designer has a special place for each to fill; no one else can quite take that place. It is the principle of human worth, as taught by Christ, which inspires each Committee member to strengthen her witness, and be constant in obedience to Him, and to the Mission of the Church.

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REMEMBER —

The "In Remembrance" Cards !

These are the dignified, white "Remembrance Gift" cards, with the W.M.S. crest, front bordering, and Old English lettering, of good "Presbyterian Blue", which were prepared in response to numerous requests from our members, so that, if so desired, friends of the departed one could, in lieu of flowers, make a gift to the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) These cards seem to have well fulfilled their purpose — they have been well received, and widely used throughout our whole Society. They are always available in any quantities required, and the following statement outlines the plan for their distribution and use:—

1. These cards will be handled by the Presbyterial Literature Secretaries, who will order them, in such quantities as they desire, from the Publications Department.
2. The Auxiliary Literature Secretary, in her turn, will order the number she needs from the Presbyterial Secretary. The price will be at the rate of fifty cents per dozen. Presbyterial Secretaries are advised to keep a supply in stock.
3. Anyone desiring these cards may secure them from the Literature Secretary of the local Auxiliary, who should keep some on hand. In Auxiliaries without a Literature Secretary, some responsible person should be appointed to handle these cards.
4. The money so donated as an "In Remembrance" gift will be given to the Auxiliary Treasurer, who will then provide the donor with an official receipt.
5. The card, itself, will be signed and sent to the bereaved family by the donor.
6. These "In Remembrance" gifts will be included in the Auxiliary contribution to the General Fund of the Society.

What IS a MISSIONARY Magazine?

It inspires! It informs! It *is* a Missionary itself! A Missionary magazine has a ministry of its own. Wherever it goes, it has something to say; something to give. It brings before its readers, the world of human need. Those whom the Church has sent out to meet some of those needs, describe what they have found, and what God is doing through them, and other members of His Church. Besides being the magazine of the Missionary Associations of our Church, it is, or should be, the magazine of all the women and girls of our Presbyterian Church. It seeks to inform them of the commitments of our Church, at home and Overseas, and also of the vast opportunities and challenges, which face us in the world of our day. It gives information, in the hope that this may lead to prayer—and to action!

The Missionary impulse is born out of obedience to Jesus Christ. Those who know Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of His Church, and who live their lives by the light of His Word, can recognize the tragedy and the emptiness of life lived without Him. They know that what they have received is of infinite value to others, and only by sharing it can they remain true to Him. It is this obedience that makes them ready to be used by God, and able to see the needs of the faraway, as well as the near. This is the true source of what we call the Missionary interest. It is not something which can be applied externally. It comes from the very centre of the life of the Church, and it follows that a Church which is alive *is* a Missionary Church. So, a Missionary magazine tries to inspire its readers to find their place within this great outgrowing, overflowing movement, which is the living Church of Jesus Christ.

There are homes in many congregations where the Missionary Magazine has, as yet, no entry. It is waiting for an introduction. This can best be given by a reader, who is, herself, interested, and who believes that God can speak through the written word. At the beginning of 1964, will you be one of those interested readers, who will, personally, make our own Missionary Magazine known to another home?

(*Adapted from "Women's Work", the Women's Missionary Magazine of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.*)

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BEAUTY!

All beauty is of Thee:
  Kindness and quietness, moon and
    stars and sun,
Garden and woods, the bird in the
  new-fledged tree,
And sleep—O Kindest One!

(Selected)

THE ANNIVERSARIES' SEALS!

So many members have been asking for these that it is a real pleasure to tell you that the Anniversaries' Seals are now ready — and lovely they are indeed! Each one a true replica of the W.M.S. Crest, with the Anniversaries' Dates, they are done in Presbyterian blue and gold; just the right size to be used on place-cards, on personal letters, as well as all Official correspondence in this Anniversary Year; to stick on Announcements and Invitations, even on Programmes of Meetings and Special Events. There are literally dozens of uses one can think of for these meaningful Anniversaries' Seals! In packages of 50, they cost 35 cents, and you may order as many packages as you wish from the Publications Department.

"SISTERS IN CHRIST"!

Women of a Presbyterian church in Mutoto, Congo, sent their total World Day of Prayer Offering to the women of a Presbyterian Church in Soonchun, Korea! With this gift of money went a note of love and sympathy from the Congolese women to their fellow-Christians in Korea. This gift of the Congo Group will go toward purchasing a residence for use as a Church by the newly-formed Soonchun Presbyterian congregation, at present holding its Services in a borrowed room of a stable, since no public hall is available. The women of the Soonchun Church, in their gratitude, have expressed amazement that the women of the Congo, in the midst of their own poverty and civil strife, would still send a gift of love and help to far-off Korea.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE CARDS!

It is a very long time indeed, since we have had anything new in Correspondence Cards to offer to our members! Now we have — and they are well worth-while talking about. Unlike the old ones which we used to carry, these are folded, double sheet, of excellent quality white stock, and across the top of the frontal sheet is the W.M.S. Crest and the Motto, "The World For Christ", done in Presbyterian Blue. There is ample room for correspondence — almost four pages — and they are also ideal for brief notes and Announcements. Presidents and Officers will find these new Correspondence Cards both attractive and useful. Order from the Publications Department — Price — per dozen — 50 cents. (L.M.C.)

Sharing in Canadian Missions

KENORA FELLOWSHIP CENTRE

by the REV. JAMES DUNN, C.D., B.A., B.D., D.D.
Director of the Fellowship Centre

The Kenora Fellowship Centre is one of our Church's infant institutions, and, as at most births, there has been a period of anxiety, confusion, and disorder. Thus, for example, it has taken two years for the official name of the child to be chosen. The baby has been known by half a dozen different names, but now, for weal or woe, the proper name is Kenora Fellowship Centre. It was doubtful, at times, whether the new-born would thrive or expire, but these harried days have passed and the Centre is now being dressed up, so that it can appear in public and conduct itself as a good growing Presbyterian child should.

How it conducts itself depends largely on what it is living for. Its aim is "to open up avenues of exchange and impact on behalf of, and in the name of, Jesus Christ. It is to be thought of as a place of sharing between two cultures and two experiences — the Indian and non-Indian — so that the total community will be one with Christ in spirit, with each preserving his own personal and racial qualities which are acceptable to God." It is recognized that there are basic differences in the ethos of each group, as well as historic differences in development. For the non-Indian, the Centre will provide a place where Indians, and Indian viewpoints may come to be understood and appreciated. For the Indian, it is a meeting place where, in conversation, consultation, and working together, the non-Indians may be really known as brothers in Christ.

The Centre has been established at Kenora by the General Board of Missions, on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Basic policy is defined by the General Board of Missions. The Director is appointed by this Board, and in common with other national institutions, paid for by Church funds; there is a local Board of Management. The other Churches gratefully recognize the leadership of the Presbyterian Church in providing this institution, and members of these Churches are hard-working and vitally-interested representatives on the local Board. The federal Government has made a grant towards the educational and recreational parts of the Programme.

The Centre is superbly situated for its purposes, in the heart of the town, and if you come by road, by water, or by air, you have only a fifty-yard walk; and, if by train, the longer distance of six blocks. The

Centre property is a large three-storey house, with six summer cabins on a large lot, which slopes down to the lake edge. In the house are the quarters of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith; sleeping quarters for Indians staying overnight; a Common Room; and, in the basement, shower and lavatory facilities, in addition to a laundry room. The house space is already taxed, and plans have been made for utilizing the cabins. Two are presently being used as a storage and distribution depot for the generous bales of clothing and materials sent largely by women of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Another will be readied for meetings of various groups; and yet another for display, and sale, of Indian handicrafts.

A start has been made on collecting a Library, which will serve not only those visiting the Centre but will provide suitable books, magazines, and pamphlets, on a travelling basis, to the Reserves over a 150 mile radius. Moreover, there will be a distinctively Indian emphasis about this collection, so that the Indians, as well as others, may know more about the history and culture of our Indian citizens, and, indeed, of their literary contributions, which are more extensive than is commonly realized.

A valued item of the Centre's Programme is its being responsible for the production of a weekly half-hour Radio Broadcast over CJRL, which provides the time as a public service feature. This Broadcast is half of a religious nature; the other half, social. Regular bulletins are given about Indian folk in the hospitals, and news items of particular interest to our Indian brethren.

Nevertheless, the Centre's Programme is still very much in the planning and preparatory stages. The local Board of Management is inviting several leading Indian representatives to serve on the Board. Discussions are taking place, as to how best the Centre can help our workers on the Reserves; the Rev. Langley MacLean at Shoal Lake; the Rev. John Carson at McKenzie Portage; Mr. John Kay, our Catechist at Manitou Rapids, Crow Portage, Sioux Narrows, and Whitefish Bay; and Miss Doreen Worden, Lake of the Woods Presbytery Deaconess. There is little doubt that the enterprises will be many and varied, in order that there may be a mutual interaction along several avenues of community life. And so, projects educational, recreational, medical, social, economic, will come into being—all animated by the spirit of Jesus Christ in Whom all are brethren. This will take prayer and generous action, and will not be accomplished over the week-end. The Director hopes to spend twenty years in this thousand-year Programme. And, if you think that unduly long, it might be salutary to read and ponder the thousand-year history of your own forefathers!

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 1964

by DR. ILO BENNETT

"The World Day of Prayer, observed on the first Friday in Lent, is sponsored by the women of the major Protestant and Orthodox Communions. It has a meaningful history of about 75 years. Prayer and giving for the world-wide mission of the Church have been its primary purpose. It has traditionally brought people together, across denominational, racial, national, and cultural boundaries, to pray for the needs of the world, and to make an offering for the carrying out of the Church's missions. This Day of Prayer is truly world-wide in character. Basically the same service is used by groups in approximately 150 countries. This provides an extraordinary opportunity for fellowship at a deep level with Christians around the world."

So begins an article prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committees of the Women's Department of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. for their Leader's Guide. In an era pervaded by fears, tensions and distrust, it is fitting that Christian women demonstrate that it is possible to sink differences and enjoy fellowship together with Christ.

The service for the World Day of Prayer is prepared by women from a different country each year. In 1960 it was prepared here in Canada; in 1961 in the U. S. A.; in 1962 in Paraguay; that of 1963 was the work of women in Korea. Those who prepare it, inevitably blend into its fabric some colour from their own experience and culture. We, who share in its use, get a new perspective, and an opportunity to draw closer in a strengthened bond of Christian understanding.

The service for 1964 is the work of Dr. Madeleine Barot of France, Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches, for the Department of Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family, and Society. Dr. Barot has an ecumenical background, having had a Hugenot father and a Lutheran mother. She is a member of the Reformed Church of France, and has an impressive life history of Christian service, ranging from Presidency of the Student Christian Movment while a student in Paris, to courageous work in internment camps and prisons during the late war. From the wealth of her personal experience Dr. Barot has prepared for us our service for 1964.

The offerings sent to the Toronto office are used to make grants to many worthy projects, a list of which is printed on the back of the service each year. Most of the grants are in the realm of Christian literature, for which there is such an urgent need in so many of the less developed areas. In some cases, where the entry of evangelists is difficult, this is one of the few ways in which the Gospel message may reach the people. The increase in offerings has made it possible not only to make larger grants to projects that we are already sponsoring but also to make some new ones as well. One of the latter should be very near to Canadian hearts. It is the Indian-Eskimo Association of Canada. There is a growing concern for the welfare of our Indian and Eskimo fellow-citizens, and with reason. In his report, Mr. John Melling, Executive Director of the Indian-Eskimo Association, made this statement — "We must show that if we evolve an imaginative policy and enlist every potential ally, the second half of the twentieth century can bring transformation to the lives of the Indians and Eskimos." A grant of $700 has been sent for this work this year.

The Voice of the Gospel Radio Station, in Ethiopia, was a new project last year. This is a new radio station, operated by the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches, co-operating with the Christian Councils of the Near East, most of Africa, and much of India. Its equipment is modern and powerful, making its message far-reaching. Last year we gave a "special" grant to this objective. This year it has been moved to the "regular" list and the amount increased. We have also doubled our grant to French Evangelical Literature for use in French Canada. These are just a few of the advances made possible by the larger offerings.

The Day of Prayer for 1963 is now past history but we look forward to increased interest and attendance in 1964. The date is February 14th and the theme "Let Us Pray." The secret of a worthwhile day of this sort lies in the preparation that precedes it, so, as we are planning our programmes this season, let us all bear in mind this important date, and plan for it. It will entail co-operation with members of other groups and communions, which can be a most enriching experience, and can lead to results that do not end with the Day but live on, become fruitful, and multiply. February 14th is still in the distance, it is true, but time has a habit of passing swiftly and unnoticed. Let us not delay then, but build plans for the Day of Prayer into our schedules right from the start. And when we come to its end, may each one of us be able to say, "It has been good for me to have been there."

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SWEEP ON!

"The great Procession of the Days
Sweeps on and on:
By upward ways, by downward ways,
By ways that fill us with amaze,
As they sweep on.
The days and nights Thy good gifts are,
Help us to make of them, dear Lord,
A holy calendar." (Oxenham)

NOTICE

1964 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

THEME — LET US PRAY

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Adult	Order of Service in	English	2c	each
	" " " "	French	2c	"
	" " " "	Chinese	2c	"
	" " " "	Japanese	2c	"
Girls'	" " "		1½c	"
Children's	" " "		1½c	"

Copies of the Adult Service in Braille are free on request.

Posters 10c each

New Film Strip "Around the World in Prayer" $1.50

Leader's Guide including Suggested Meditation History of the World Day of Prayer Story of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada Planning for the World Day of Prayer	Free on request

Orders should be sent to:

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
97 Saint George Street
Toronto 5, Ontario

Orders must be received in the office not later than January 31st, 1964.

SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - November 1963

	1962	1963
British Columbia	6,400.00	7,554.75
Alberta	8,119.91	6,670.40
Saskatchewan	4,962.42	4,004.98
Manitoba	7,018.00	6,375.23
Hamilton and London	66,566.25	65,878.34
Toronto and Kingston	68,450.60	72,567.00
Montreal and Ottawa	39,446.29	35,812.79
	$200,963.47	$198,863.49

PRAYER — AS I GROW OLDER!

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all—but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my many aches and pains. They are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint; some of them are hard to live with; but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Help me to extract all possible fun out of life. There are so many funny things around us, and I don't want to miss any of them — Amen. (*Contributed by Miss Gertrude Forbes, Preston Springs Gardens, Preston, Ont.* Author Unknown).

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February Snowfall!

By Marjorie Cunningham

I wakened, this morning, to a world
Of dazzling sunshine, light and
shade,
The snow, in deep white calm,
unsoiled,
A very fairyland had made!
It really was a lovely scene—
The sky above, pure turquoise blue,
And every spruce and evergreen
Their skirts, with ermine trimmed,
made new;
And deepening violet shadows lie
Across the snow, as yet untrod.
On such a morning, you and I
May see the handiwork of God!

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE SILENT STORM by Marion M. Brown and Ruth Crone

This book holds the fascinated interest of the reader to the very last page. It is really the story of the life of Annie Sullivan, but actually it is the remarkable story of Helen Keller, too — because Annie Sullivan was for many years the inspired and devoted companion and teacher of Helen Keller, and without Annie Sullivan, her patience and understanding with the almost uncontrollable little blind child, who was also completely deaf and mute, and whom she came to teach — and love — Helen Keller never could have become the great wise woman that she did. These two, young teacher and rebellious child, in the memory of the world, as well as those who personally knew them both, are truly inseparable. Annie Sullivan, herself, was a remarkable child, with, despite all obstacles, an indomitable will to learn, to become a teacher; to make her own life count for others. In this she succeeded beyond her wildest dreams. She, too, became a great woman, who actually accomplished miracles, in bringing wonderful liberation into Helen Keller's personality and darkened life. A powerful story, well told, which readers of all ages will enjoy.

Price $3.95

AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD
by Fred and Margaret Hug

The Authors of this beautifully illustrated book are also the writers of the excellent book, "In The Path of Jesus", and know well how to write clearly and interestingly, in words that children from five to eight years old can immediately understand. The illustrations, also done by the Authors, are really outstanding, and help to tell the story of Creation, in a very special way. There is nothing falsely fanciful about this book. The text follows the Biblical narrative closely, and is a real education in the realization of the great splendour of Creation. A worth-while possession for any child.

Price $4.25

MY JESUS BOOK by Wanda Hayes and Frances Hook

The full-page coloured illustrations in this handsome, and reasonably priced, book for Little People, are quite lovely enough for framing—

perhaps when its lucky little owner has graduated into more adult reading, and a room of her own! This is a good-sized book with attractive hard cover, and the stories, all based on the New Testament, are quite short, with large print, and clear understandable phraseology. Perfect for reading aloud at bedtime, or for the child to read and enjoy at any time. A splendid birthday gift from some loving Grandmother or Auntie! Price $1.75

PICTURE STORIES OF JESUS by Mary Miller and Harold Copping

There are eight attractive books in this excellent series — any one of which is a real find as a worth-while gift for a child. Paper-bound, 16 pages, and beautifully illustrated in colour, they are excellent value in every way. Good glossy paper; clear, good-sized printing; handsome coloured pictures and well-told factual stories — all add up to a splendid book. Titles of these are — "Jesus Came; Stories Jesus Told; Jesus the Healer; People Jesus Met; Jesus the Shepherd; Jesus and His Friends; Followers of Jesus; and Adventure for Jesus." Price — 35c apiece

MISSIONARY PICTURE SHEETS

Our members will be glad to know about these excellent Sheets of Pictures of all our Missionaries, which are available at ten cents per sheet. There are two of these — one of our Overseas Missionaries on all Fields; another of the Missionaries serving the Presbyterian Church in India. Clearly printed on good-quality glossy paper, these are splendid for Poster, or other publicity use, or for use in Auxiliary Programmes.

Price 10 cents each sheet

SEEING!

by Helen Keller

They took away what should have been my eyes,
(But I remembered Milton's Paradise)
They took away what should have been my ears,
(Beethoven came and wiped away my tears)
They took away what should have been my tongue,
(But I had talked with God when I was young)
He would not let them take away my soul,
Possessing that, I still possess the whole.

Your Prayers are asked

—For our Hospital Visitors, that they may be given health, and Divine strength for their mission of love to the many people whom they serve across the Society.

—For our Missionaries, Miss Ellen Douglas and Miss Lilliam Reay, St. Mathews' Centre, (both of Vancouver). May their witness continue to make Christ's love very real to all whom they serve in the year ahead.

—For all who meet together at Annual Presbyterial meetings, that they may be strengthened in the Faith, and inspired to share the Good News with others.

—For all elected officers, that they may see the work entrusted to them as a way by which they may serve the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

—For the work in British Guiana; pray that the leaders of the Guianese Church, and the Missionaries, may be given strength to continue faithfully in their leadership throughout the Church.

—Pray that the Nation may achieve peace and brotherhood within its bounds, and that it may develop its resources for the Glory of God, to be used in the building up of the Nation.

THOSE ANNIVERSARIES' SOUVENIRS

Have you seen them yet — those decorative white Place Mats, bearing the W. M. S. crest in blue and gold at the top; the two dates of our Centenary in large blue figures on either side; "The World For Christ" in blue letters across the bottom; a bordering of gold accenting the scallped edge; and pertinent dates of W. M. S. history centring the whole? These cost 75 cents for fifty; and the Serviettes, bearing the blue W. M. S. crest, are available at one cent apiece. Both of these you will like to have for Group, or Church, Luncheons or Dinners, or smaller tea-parties. The silver Souvenir spoons, with the W. M. S. Crest in enamel on the handle, are ready, too, and they are certainly beautiful. These cost $2.00 each, and will make much-appreciated gifts for many Christmas, Birthday or Anniversary lists, as well as adding to your own collection of interesting mementoes. All may be ordered through the Publications Department, and wouldn't it be a good idea to have some to display at Sectional and Group Meetings? Be sure to order early, if you plan to have them at your Meetings! See Page 19 about the new Anniversaries' Seals!

"I WANT TO BE A MISSIONARY"!

"What are some of the qualifications? How shall I prepare to serve in the Church in this way?"

by MISS MARY WHALE, B.A.

Do you want to be a Missionary? You do? And why do you want to be a Missionary?

The last question is one which you need to clearly consider first—even before you look at the qualifications and the preparation. For the honest answer to this question is the beginning of the qualifications—and the beginning of the preparation.

Why do you want to be a Missionary? To travel in Canada or abroad? To work in a climate and culture other than you have known? To work in Canada with people who are seeking the knowledge of the Christian Gospel, or who are seeking the best way to make it known within their community? A clear answer concerning the actual Missionary work may not come at once — and it need not. You may not know whether God is calling you to work as a Missionary, at home or abroad. But you must be very sure that you really want to be a Missionary.

What are the qualifications? You will see by now that the first, and most important one, is a dedication to God and a willingness to accept the task that He may give you to do. This commitment to Christian discipleship will be the motivation for your preparation. You want to be a Home Missionary or an Overseas Missionary because there seems to be "just nothing else worth doing." Therefore you will think of the gifts of mind and body which God has given you — and will think how they can best be prepared for use in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A second qualification is a willingness to study the way in which the church works at home and abroad. This must be accompanied by a desire to grow in your understanding of the Christian faith.

To meet the above qualifications one must have patience—patience to let the Spirit of God work in your life — patience to work within your congregation and its groups, and let your service be used as a means of knowing what God is calling you to do — patience to take discouragement if it comes, and use it to help you see your way.

We once had a teacher in our rural school who extolled the virtue of "Stick-to-itiveness" in her students. If you really want to be a Missionary, you must have this qualification of sticking to your objective. If you are not able to follow through in your particular area of service — then be prepared to adapt your interest and training to another type of Missionary work.

How do you prepare? Your preparation for Missionary service will be no different than preparation for a career as a Christian in any field. As your mind wrestles with the question of "Why", you will probably seek answers to a number of questions: — What is there to do in the service of the Church? How is Missionary work done? Some of the answers to your questions are to appear on these pages in the future, but you will also want to consider them with your Minister; discuss them in C.G.I.T., Youth Groups, or Church School class; and, or, write to those of us who are responsible for finding Home and Overseas staff.**

Let us suppose that Medicine interests you — or Sociology — or almost any profession, or highly skilled trade. With careful study of the needs at home and abroad, you can see how that interest and skill can be developed through the training of your inherent abilities. In these days, we are asked to send people into the work of the Church, whose training is such that they can give leadership within the group. More often than not, this leadership must be from behind the scenes — as the people in the community, or the people of the nations abroad are trained to take responsibility. This means that your actual academic or vocational training should be as extensive as possible. For instance, if you wish to nurse abroad, it is well, in these days, to think of working on a nursing degree — or at least to arrange High School subjects so that it might be possible to do such work during furloughs.

There is preparation in the knowledge of the Christian faith which is most important. You prepare yourself in this way now, as you study the Bible and discuss with others what it means to be a Christian in the world. When the time comes to prepare to actually go to a job, there will be a requirement of at least a year's study at Ewart College in Toronto, for those with specialized training (e.g. nurses, teachers) and more for those without such qualifications.

A most important preparation is in attitude. If you feel that God is calling you into Missionary service, leave your mind completely open to the various things that will be guides along the way in your teen years. The experiences in which you share in your congregation now can do much to help you. Missionaries, who may speak to your group or in your congregation, will have something important to say to you about what it means to be a Missionary in the world today. Most of all, you will want to feel that God can, and will, allow you to go where you will give the greatest service. Whether the service is as a teacher to Nigeria; to work with the Indian people of Canada; to be a social worker in the Korean Christian

Church in Japan; a Christian Education leader in Canada or Overseas; a seminary Professor in Formosa, or a nurse in India; you must feel yourself chosen for a task that God will strengthen you to do. You must believe that your missionary calling is of utmost importance to the world in which we live, for, as a Missionary, you are dealing with lives that are needing, and seeking, the Gospel of Jesus Christ — the Gospel of peace and hope.

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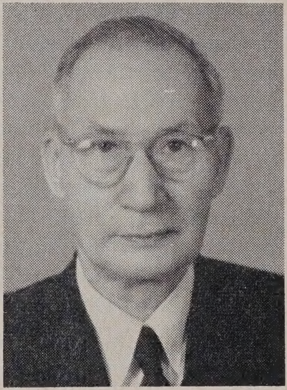
IN REMEMBRANCE OF A VETERAN MISSIONARY



THE REV. DR. G. W. MACKAY
of
Taiwan, (Formosa)

(Sent to us by Miss Dorothy Douglas, of Taiwan)

ON JULY 20TH, 1963, the Rev. Dr. George William Mackay died, at the age of 81, in the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa)— the hospital which bears his father's name, for he was the only son of the Rev. Dr. George Leslie Mackay, the first Protestant Missionary to North Formosa — "The Black-Bearded Barbarian" as the Formosans then called him! He was born in Tamsui, Formosa, attended school in Hong Kong, and after graduating from Universities both in the United States and Canada, in 1911, after completing graduate studies, he was appointed by the Presbyterian Church in Canada to return to Formosa, to engage in educational work for the Church in that land. With his young bride, the former Miss Jean Ross, of Brucefield, Ontario, he returned to Formosa to begin his life-work.

Soon after his arrival, he was elected an Elder of the Presbyterian Church, Tamsui, an office which he held until his death, and he was also an Honorary member of the Taipei Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa. Principally, however, he worked in the field of education, and in 1914 helped to found the Tamsui Boys' Middle School (now Tamkang Middle School)—the first fully accredited private Middle School in Tamsui, in which, between 1914 and 1940, he served several times as Principal. When war forced him to leave Formosa, he first returned to Canada, then accepted the Church's appointment to British Guiana, where for several years he served his Church as Principal of Berbice High School, New Amsterdam. When he was able to return to Formosa, so grateful were the people of Tamsui for his contribution to the education of their young people, that they named after him a street near the School.

Dr. Mackay was for many years one of the Committee working on the translation and revision of the Amoy Bible, and because of his knowledge and fluency in the Tamsui vernacular, which is closely related to Amoy, his special work was checking the accuracy and suitability of the colloquial expressions used in the translation. He also set up the first Taiwanese language course for Missionaries in North Formosa, and was a member of the Language Examination Committee of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. After the last War, Dr. Mackay went back to his work in the Boys' School in Tamsui, and it was in 1948 that, in recognition of his many services to the Church, Knox College, Toronto, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Retiring in 1952, Dr. Mackay still carried on his work. He set up a Bible Study Centre in Tamsui, as well as several Preaching Chapels, and, when ill health somewhat curtailed his activities, he received students for Lectures in his own home. Dr. Mackay is survived by his wife, still in Tamsui; and four children—Anna, who teaches school in Toronto; Ross, Professor of Geography, University of British Columbia; Isabel, formerly in Formosa with the World Health Organization of the United Nations, and now Assistant Director of Nurses, Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto; and Margaret, Secretary to the Superintendant, Taipei American School, Taipei. His oldest son, Leslie, was killed in 1942, while on active service in England with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Boys and Girls!

THE CHURCH THAT WAS BUILT BY MOONLIGHT

by GRACE W. McGAVRAN

There was rejoicing in the little village of India. The last load of clay had been brought to the trampling ground and mixed with the right amount of straw and water. As the plain around the village turned golden with the rays of the setting sun striking through the dust, the last brick was molded and set to dry. The small boys of the Christian community played tag among the neat piles of brick. The women paused on their way from the well, to see if the word was true that the last brick had been molded. The young men were checking the count to make sure that there were indeed enough.

Raj-Singh, the preacher-teacher, was talking eagerly to the older men. "The ground is bought. The bricks are made. Now in just a few weeks we shall have our place of worship complete!" It was a very simple place of worship they were planning. Just a floor of beaten earth, with a low brick wall around it to keep out cattle and dogs. The wall would be made with the bricks set wide apart like a lattice to let the stray breezes come through. At one end would be a higher wall rising to a peak.

"That wall we will make solid," said Raj-Singh, "and in it we will leave little openings in the brickwork, so that light will shine through to form the shape of a Cross. Thus, we shall ever have before us the symbol of our Christian faith. And thus everyone will know that it is a house of Christian praise." They hoped to have their place of worship finished by the end of the month.

But there was trouble waiting for them in the village. The Hindu landlords and the priest of the Hindu temple did not want a Christian place of worship in their village. "These Christians will attract others to their teachings," muttered the priest, "and the worship of our own gods Shiv and Vishnu will be neglected. Let us forbid the building of that place of worship. Then they will not be able to worship their God."

The landlord agreed. He went to Raj-Singh and the Christian elders. He did not discuss the matter with them. He simply said, "There will be no Christian place of worship built. It is my order. If any building is done, I will have my young men tear down each night that which is built each day. Save yourselves the trouble." Alas and alas! All the rejoicing was turned to sorrow. The last-made bricks were neatly piled up with the others, and no one moved a hand to the building. For of what use was it to have the bricks ruined by being hacked down with pickaxes after being formed into walls?

Only Raj-Singh was thoughtful. "Have patience," he said. "We have a right to our place of worship, and there must be some way by which we can lawfully build it." Raj-Singh went to town and talked to those who knew the law. He found that there was nothing to keep the landlord from destroying their work. Raj-Singh went to another town. The Christian people there were interested. They looked among the laws of the land. They found a law which suited the situation. It said, "If a place of worship is erected and standing, no one may tear it down. But it must be finished before the protection of the law is upon it."

Raj-Singh went home. He gathered the Christian elders and told them about that one law. "I do not know how we can protect our place of worship while it is yet building and not finished," he ended sadly.

There was silence for awhile. So deep was the thought that the faint rustle of a snake, going about his business in the hedgerow, could be heard. Then an old man spoke. "There is a way," he said. "But who shall make it succeed? To carry it out, we would need to be more secret than the snake in the grass, and more busy than Sher Khan, the tiger, when he hunts his food, and wise as the ant-folk who have a task for each and keep one working every minute."

"Tell us the plan," begged the elders.

"It is this," said the Old One. "There will come a night when the moon is full, and rises after the village is abed. We Christians will put out our lights and seem to go to bed also, but soon we will rise.

Silently as the jackall we must slink along in the shadows till the walls of the village are behind us. Then, with the moon to light us, and in silence, we must work. Men and women and children, we must work by the light of the moon."

Raj-Singh snapped his fingers in delight. "Wise words! Wise words!" he said. But his voice he kept low, so that no passing villager might hear and tell. "Old One, our planning shall be done with the wisdom of the ant-folk. No person shall be idle but all shall work at one part or another of the brickwork. By the time the moon sinks to its rest and the stars fade out, the building will be done!"

The elders, skilled in the use of bricks, talked long and earnestly. They decided who should tramp down the floor. They planned how bricks should be carried and laid loosely in place by the women and children. They agreed that the best builders among them should lay the first course, and after that the best builders would work on different parts of the wall. Each builder would have a group of women and children, and older lads, to help with brick and mudplaster.

Like the ant-folk they planned. They thought that the women and the little children might get weary, after the first rush of work was done. So they arranged for some to sit and rest while others worked. But for each there was a task and a place and a time to work. They did not rush their planning. Best that the village should think they had given it up. Yet with every passing day the plans became more perfect. One by one, the Christians learned about it. But never a word slipped from their lips.

The old Hindu priest and the Hindu landlord laughed to themselves. "They are afraid!" they said. "They have no courage to go forward with their building."

But the moon became fuller and fuller. The night finally arrived when out of a clear sky the moon and a million stars shone down upon earth, with a light almost as bright as the sun. Only the shadows were black, like velvet, and the Hindu people of the village went early to bed, to be ready to go to a near-by fair at break of day.

When silence lay upon the village, the Christians rose and stole like shadows out into the night. Mothers and fathers and little children; older boys and girls, eager and excited; young men and old, all were ready to work through the night to build their place of worship. Truly, it was like a colony of the ant-people. Almost in silence, except for whispered questions and answers, the Christians worked.

Almost like magic, that floor of earth, spreading like a pool of water in the moonlight, stretched itself out, under the trampling feet of the workers, till it reached the measured boundary of the walls. Almost like magic, the first course of brick was laid in the four walls around the floor. Then the walls began to rise. Slowly but surely, while the blazing stars swung overhead, and the moon rode the heavens from east to west.

The little children grew weary and slept upon the blankets their mothers had laid along the edge of the field. The older boys and girls grew tired, but they worked doggedly on. The mothers took turns, guarding the babies for awhile, then working. They carried water to the men-folk and helped throughout the breathless, hot night. One man finished his work, and straightening, stretched his arms toward the stars. Another and another followed. They gathered about the west wall, where the Cross had been made, with openwork in the brick. At last, only one man worked on.

The light of the lowering moon shone through the Cross, and its pattern lay in light amid the black shadows on the new tramped floor. Then the people gathered into their place of worship, and sat in orderly rows upon the still damp earth. The mothers carried the sleeping little ones that later they, too, might say, "We were there." Raj-Singh lifted up his arms, and the heads of the people bowed in prayer. They did not notice that dawn, swift tropical dawn, had come, and that the astonished Hindus stood at the edge of the field.

Raj-Singh lifted up his voice. He prayed the first prayer in the new house of worship. He prayed earnestly and mightily and with great love for God.

Then he turned to see the landlord and the Hindu priest, who said, "What have you done?"

Raj-Singh answered simply, "We have built a house of worship for our God." He looked the landlord straight in the eye.

The landlord shrugged his shoulder. "I was fearful," he said, "of just one thing! I was afraid you might find out about that law. Even so, no idea came into my head that you might so greatly desire a house of God that you would work thus all night."

The landlord looked at the trodden floor, the latticed walls, the Cross in the western wall. "Be secure," he said. "The hand of no man shall be lifted to move one brick from the wall, or to injure in any way this house of worship. It is the law," said the landlord.

The Christian folk raised a shout of joy. They were weary and their eyelids drooped with need of sleep. But their hearts were light and their hearts were proud. They had a house of worship, where they and their children might gather together to sing the praises of God and to learn better how to follow his ways.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss M. L. Funston, Deaconess of *Brandon* Presbytery, was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* and gave an interesting account of her five-day attendance at the N.A.P.Y.P. Conference in *Lafayette, Indiana,* U.S.A.

The Rev. and Mrs. McCuaig, were special guests of the C.G.I.T. group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* at the Barbecue held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Calvert. Leslie Harburn is President of the Junior Group; Kathleen Paley, President of the Senior Group; and the Leader is Mrs. R. J. Hood. For the International Group, Mrs. A. R. Calvert is Leader, and Beverley Hayball is President.

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* with President, Mrs. R. J. Hood, presiding. The Rev. Earl Roberts, on furlough from *Nigeria,* gave the Opening Devotions, and the Evening Devotional was conducted by the Rev. Stephen Hayes, Southminster Presbyterian Church, *Brandon.* Members and friends were present from *Hartney, Melita, Neepawa, Wellwood, Carberry, Virden, Portage la Prairie,* and *Brandon.* Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, conducted a Memorial Service in memory of Mrs. Bert Eaton, a long-time Officer of this Presbyterial, who died while still in Office. Reports were presented by Mrs. George Bain, on the Annual Council Meeting, and by Miss Dorothy Keller, on the *Regina* Training Centre. Supper was served by members of the Chi Rho Club of this Church, following which, Mrs. W. H. Vopni, of *Portage la Prairie,* led the sing-song with Mrs. C. J. McKinnon, *Wellwood,* accompanist. The Guest Speaker was Miss Beth Graham, Reg.N., who gave an illustrated Address on her visit to *Nigeria* with the team "Cross-Roads—Africa". The Evening Session emphasized Youth Work, and the N.A.R.P.Y.A. Conference at *Lafayette, Indiana,* was ably reported by Miss Linda Halliday, *Virden;* Miss Linda Dickson, *Carberry;* Miss Dorothy Turner, of *Wellwood.* The C.G.I.T. Groups of *Brandon* and *Carberry* sang.

The C.G.I.T. of First Presbyterian Church, *Portage la Prairie* was re-organized under the Leadership of Miss G. Hill and Miss L. Cumming, with President, Anita Dronan.

The *Neepawa* Presbyterian Church C.G.I.T., at their Meeting heard Karen Banyard speak on "The C.G.I.T. Middy", and Maureen Graham gave "A Few Facts on C.GI.T." Leaders, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. A. Olsen, conducted the Worship Service. The new President is Lavina Link, and Judy Graham demonstrated the "Friendship Knot."

The highlight of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Boissevain,* was the presence of His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, Errich F. Willis and Mrs. Willis, and his official party. The Rev. Henderson of *Portage la Prairie* was Guest Speaker at the Evening Service, and in the morning, the Rev. Patterson of Hartney spoke. The Evening Service was conducted by the Rev. I. J. Haire, with the Rev. Earl Roberts of *Nigeria* and the Rev. S. Hayes, of *Brandon* taking part. Mrs. Haire and Miss Edna Jones sang. At the Evening Service, a brief Memorial Service was held; the Church History was read; many greetings were received; and Mrs. W. Moncur and Miss Edna Jones were Soloists. A three-tiered Anniversary Cake was cut at the Reception following the Evening Service.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — Thirty-five members of this Presbyterial drove to *Geraldton* for the Fall Rally, and, on their arrival, were served lunch by the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Geraldton.* The Theme of the Rally was "From Strength to Strength", President Mrs. G. MacDougall presided, and the Rev. W. B. Macodrum gave the Opening Devotional. The story of the 100th Anniversary was presented by Mrs. Hearnden, assisted by Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Macodrum, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. H. T. Johnston, Mrs. W. Blundon, Mrs. Spidell, Mrs. Douglas and also by Mrs. Fidler, Mrs. MacLeod and Mrs. Kennelly, wearing costumes of *India, Formosa,* and *British Guiana.* Mrs. Rose gave a Literature Review, and the Mission Band, led by Mrs. M. Christie and Mrs. R. Kurish, put on a Demonstration Meeting, led by Mary Lou Wylie. There was a Panel on Supplies, and Mrs. G. MacCutcheon gave the Missionary's point of view on this.

Dinner was served by the Friendship Club, when President, Mrs. Nelson, of the *Geraldton* W.M.S. Auxiliary welcomed delegates, to which Mrs. MacDougall replied. Following dinner, Mrs. H. Douglas, of *Atikokan,* reported the Annual Council Meeting, and Mrs. Tweedie gave the history of the *Geraldton* Church, and its W.M.S. Auxiliary. In the evening, "The Passing Years" was presented in the Church, led by Mrs. Carrick, assisted by members and delegates.

Organists for the afternoon and evening sessions were Jacqueline Neill, and Mrs. A. Daneff.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* welcomed the Rev. Clarke Hood, their new Minister, as Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting. His Theme was "A Mission of Love". President, Mrs. H. F. Hayward, presided, and Mrs. E. S. Sherlock thanked the Speaker. The Social Hour was convened by Mrs. D. S. McKay, assisted by Mrs. H. McDonald, Mrs. E. Bryant, Mrs. D. A. Taylor, and Mrs. James Wigmore.

Mrs. Edith Shaw, Literature Secretary for *Superior* Presbyterial, was hostess for the Meeting of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* when she showed a splendid Book Display from the Publications Department. Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, was Guest Speaker; President, Miss M. Campbell, presided; Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon led the Worship Service; a Social Hour followed.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* the Rev. Clarke Hood, of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* was Guest Speaker, and spoke on "Thanksgiving". Mrs. K. W. Hearnden presided, and the Rev. A. H. Johnston, and the Rev. Walter Ross, led in Devotions. Mrs. W. S. Nairn paid tribute to the late Miss Jessie Redmond, and a Moment of Silence was observed in memory of Miss Redmond, and the late Mrs. Malcolm Fraser. Mrs. Florence Higgins sang, accompanied by Mrs. M. L. Cunningham. A Social Hour followed, convened by Mrs. J. Shanks, Sr., assisted by Mrs. D. M. Martin and Mrs. W. Barr.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — Under the auspices of this Presbyterial "Open House" was held at Winnipeg Fellowship House to welcome Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Dickson, the new House Father and Mother, and also to enable Presbyterial and Presbytery members to see the fine work carried on at this Centre.

The Rev. Wesley Affleck, of the *Winnipeg* Bible Institute, gave an illustrated Lecture of a recent trip covering the Mission Stations, at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* Mrs. R. S. Stavely presided, and the Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. Richard Earl, sang. Miss Mary Ann Taylor gave violin selections and Mrs. Lillian Clark contributed a Solo. Refreshments and a Social Hour were enjoyed.

Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, Presbyterial President, presided at the Special Event under the auspices of the Winnipeg Presbyterial, when Miss Jean Williamson of *Regina,* who has recently returned from a World Tour, gave an illustrated Address in St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* featuring particularly *Formosa,* the *Bhil Field* in *India,* and *Nigeria.* Devotions were conducted by Miss Ruth Jones, and Miss Jessie MacDonald, members of the Hildur Hermanson W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, and Presbyterial Past President Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones introduced the Guest Speaker. Miss Isobel Andrew was Pianist and Mrs. E. Kirkpatrick of St. John's Presbyterian Church, sang. Refreshments were served at the close of the Lecture.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL—The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Paisley,* with President, Mrs. E. Krampp presiding. Miss Mabel Booth, National Children's Secretary, and Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, with the Presbyterial Secretaries, conducted Workshops, and Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., on furlough from *India,* reviewed the Study Book, "The Rim of East Asia". Theme of the Worship Service was "Our Talents — How Are We Using Them?" A film on Winnipeg Fellowship House was shown and a "Shower" was held for this Centre. Refreshments were provided by the *Paisley* W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Lovat Home Helpers.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Burgoyne* Presbyterian Church entertained the Home Helpers at the home of President, Mrs. C. M. Underwood, when Mrs. Moore, of *Southampton* was Guest Speaker, and showed slides of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Mrs. Keith Welch and Mrs. Robert Chappell sang.

At the Graduation Service of the C.O.C. and Explorer Groups, of Tolmie Memorial Church, *Port Elgin,* Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., the honoured guest, showed replicas of an Indian home, and dressed some of the children in costumes worn by children in *India.* They sang, a Hindi hymn. Mrs. Basil Eby, Sr., President of the Beatrice Scott Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, presented Graduation Certificates to Explorers Frances McDougall, Kenneth Thornburn, and Murray Walpole.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL—The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, and Mrs. J. F. Webber, the only living Charter Member, both celebrated sixty years of service, at the 60th Anniversary Service held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Wallaceburg.* Mrs. Webber, the first Secretary, was presented with an Honorary Membership by a former Pastor, the Rev. D. J. Lane, of *Clinton.* President, Mrs. E. S. Lane presided, and greetings were brought by the Rev. D. Gibson, Moderator of *Chatham* Presbytery; President, Mrs. D. MacInnes, of *Ridgetown,* Hamilton and London Synodical; and Mrs. Fred Creasy, *Chatham* Presbyterial President. The Guest Speakers, Dr. and Mrs. S. Moore

Gordon, now of Guelph, but former Missionaries in *Formosa,* were introduced by Mrs. R. D. A. Currie. Mrs. Cecil Bolt was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Morrow. A Candle-Lighting Service was conducted by Mrs. Geo. Hazzard, and Mrs. Mark Merritt read the Historical Sketch. The Anniversary Cake was cut by Mrs. Donald MacInnes, Synodical President, of *Ridgetown.* Members of the Evening Auxiliary and the Junior Girls' Group assisted in serving.

Life Membership Certificates were presented to President, Mrs. Scott Irwin, and Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Doyle, at a recent meeting of the Alexander Bartlett W.M.S. Auxiliary, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* and an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. Wm. Karn by the Auxiliary at this same Meeting.

Mrs. F. A. Creasey, *Chatham* Presbyterial President, was Guest Speaker when the four Missionary Groups of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* held a joint Service of Worship, in preparation for the coming Anniversaries Celebration in *Montreal.* Mrs. A. M. Moxery was Soloist, with organ accompaniment by Mr. Wm. Rose. A Social Hour followed.

At the Meeting of *Riverside* W.M.S. Auxiliary, President Mrs. A. A. Wilson was presented with a Life Membership Certificate by Mrs. W. B. Smith, on behalf of the Auxiliary, and the Pin, which had belonged to the late Mrs. A. R. Linton, wife of the late Rev. A. R. Linton, a former Pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Puce,* was presented to Mrs. Wilson by Mrs. F. D. Linton. An interesting study on the Book of James was conducted by Mrs. V. W. Raison.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — Sectional Meetings were held at *South Kinloss,* and *Belmore.* At *South Kinloss,* Mrs. Sutherland of *Ripley* presided; the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. J. Aitcheson and Mrs. R. Reid, of *Lucknow* and Mrs. D. McLean, of *Ashfield.* Mrs. W. Conn, of *Ripley,* was Soloist. At the *Belmore* Meeting, Mrs. W. Ballagh, of *Teeswater* presided, and Devotions were conducted by Mrs. A. Halliday and Mrs. D. Keith, of *Teeswater,* with Mrs. Campbell of *Molesworth.* Mrs. G. Appleby, of *Belmore,* was Soloist; Miss Hazel Macdonald, the Guest Speaker at both meetings showed films of the W.M.S. work in *Taiwan;* and Mrs. L. Fortune of *Wingham,* gave the highlights of the W.M.S. week-end Camp at *Kintail.* A Memorial Service in memory of the late Bessie Margaret MacMurchy, Reg. N., M. Sc.N., was conducted by Mrs. T. English, of *Wingham.* Mrs. M. Ritchie, *Kincardine,* and Mrs. W. King, *Brussels,* gave the closing prayers.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — In Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, *Niagara Falls,* guests from *Toronto, Belleville, Kingston,* and

Niagara Presbyterial attended the 75th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church, and also the 50th Anniversary of the Agnes Wallis Alpha Auxiliary of the W. M.S. The Scripture Lesson was read by Mrs. T. Mousseau, a third generation W.M.S. member, and a duet was sung by twin teen-age sisters, Jane and Judy Mennie, both members of the congregation. The Rev. Kenneth G. McMillan, D.D., a former Minister, and now General Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, was Guest Speaker. A Reception followed, when the Anniversary Cake, depicting an open Bible, flanked by golden candles and flowers, was cut by Miss E. Hopkins, and Miss E. Whitaker. Greetings were brought from Synodical President, Mrs. D. MacInnes of *Ridgetown,* from many Churches in the area, and from *Niagara* Presbyterial.

The Fall Executive of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Thorold.* A Pot Luck Dinner was held, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the expenses of a Presbyterial delegate to the Anniversary Celebrations in *Montreal.*

The 50th Anniversary of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Colborne* was celebrated with Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), the Guest Speaker. President, Mrs. W. Sands, presided, and the Anniversary Cake was cut by Mrs. D. Higgan, the oldest continuing member.

The Theme of the Fourth Annual Conference of *Niagara* Presbyterial, held in historic Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, *Niagara Falls,* was "Your Christian Witness in a Changing World". Presbyterial Officers, assisted by Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, conducted five Work-Shops, covering all phases of W.M.S. work. Mrs. Cameron Orr, St. Catharines, and the Rev. E. C. McLarnon, of *Fort Erie,* also participated in this Workshop Programme. A Special Fund was set up to make possible the sending of a second delegate to *Montreal* in May.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Donald Montgomery, presided at the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Helen Young Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Paris* Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Hugh MacMillan was Guest Speaker and told of the 37 years Dr. Hugh MacMillan and herself had spent as Missionaries in *Formosa.* Mrs. Walter Oldham was Soloist, and Mrs. J. Bawcutt and Miss Margaret Nash sang a duet. Mrs. David Gowdy, the first President, spoke, and many Charter members were present. President, Mrs. E. P. Winhold, brought greetings from *Paris* Presbyterial, and Mrs. Donald Cochrane gave the Auxiliary History.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — The Northern Sectional Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in *Shake-*

peare Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. S. G. Nickel, of *Listowell,* presiding, and the Devotional Period conducted by Mrs. J. Brydone and Mrs. Jack Reid of *Milverton.* Mrs. Donald McTavish, of *Shakespeare,* welcomed guests, and Mrs. J. Kelly and Mrs. L. Hyde, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *North Easthope,* sang a duet. The Guest Speaker, Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, spoke on "The Prodigal Son". Miss Hanes also conducted a Workshop on the new Study Book for Senior Groups, and Mrs. D. Nind of *Listowel,* conducted the Workshop for Junior Groups. A Social Hour followed the Meeting.

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EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Agincourt,* Miss Joan McNeil, of *Australia,* Editorial-Assistant for Missionary Education, was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. George Hutton was Soloist.

Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council, addressed the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Glebe Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and Mrs. J. Haigh was Soloist. Mrs. W. Durward and Mrs. W. Bodden conducted the Devotional Period, and Mrs. Bodden led an "In Memoriam" for four late members — Mrs. George Fraser; Mrs. Trail; Mrs. Comrie, and Mrs. McIntyre. Home Helper, Miss Helen Fairbairn, who has just celebrated her 99th birthday, has now completed a Book of Poems.

The Doris Hampson W. M. S. Auxiliary of Melville Presbyterian Church, *West Hill,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting in *Ewart College, Toronto* on the invitation of Miss Eileen McVittie. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, was Guest Speaker. President, Mrs. W. B. Masson, presided, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. D. J. Britton, Mrs. K. Squires, and Mrs. C. Waldron. The Speaker was introduced by Mrs. D. J. Britton, and Mrs. J. Hockley gave the Vote of Thanks. A tour of *Ewart College* followed the Meeting.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — Guests from *Eden Mills, Rockwood, Puslinch, Paisley Block,* and *Guelph,* attended the 75th Anniversary of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Guelph.* Mrs. S. Moore Gordon; Mrs. D. Crawford Smith; Mrs. E. Somerville; and Mrs. C. Fisk, received members, guests, and four Past Presidents. President, Mrs. R. B. Freure presided. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. E. G. MacKay. The Auxiliary History, prepared by Miss K. Cleghorn, was presented by Miss L. M. Sinclair. A Duet was sung by Mrs. W. Klein and Mrs. R. Elliott. Mrs. Somerville introduced Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, the Guest Speaker. President, Mrs. John Shepherd brought Presbyterial greetings, and Miss M. Stewart convened the Social Hour, when the Anniversary Cake was cut by Mrs. H. Hopper.

President, Mrs. Fred Anderson, welcomed guests at the 75th Anniversary Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Acton,* and Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council, was Guest Speaker. Guests were registered by Mrs. A. B. McKenzie, Mrs. R. M. McDonald, and Mrs. Dean Leslie. Mrs. John Anderson and Mrs. A. C. Stewart, wives of former Ministers of this Church, and six former Auxiliary Presidents, were present. Mrs. John Davidson sang; Miss Isabel Anderson gave the Auxiliary History; and Mrs. Robert Algie gave a mandolin solo. The Devotional Period was conducted by Miss Ruby Clark and Mrs. O. Moran. Presbyterial Greetings were brought by President, Mrs. John Shepherd, and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan conducted a Candle-Lighting Ceremony. Mrs. W. McLeod and her Committee served refreshments, and Mrs. R. M. McDonald cut the Anniversary Cake.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—The Rev. T. R. Maxwell, of *Erin,* conducted the Sword Drill at the Fall Rally when young people from *Grand Valley, South Luther, Erin, Marsville, Markdale, Orangeville, Claude, Caledon East,* and *Waldemar,* met in *Claude* Presbyterian Church recently. The Sword Drill Competition was won by the *Markdale* Group, and Mrs. F. Gample, of *Waldemar* presented the Banner. The Opening Sing-Song was led by Mr. S. McIntyre; Mac Smith welcomed the guests, and Rod Rinnie, of *Erin,* replied. Devotions were given by Glen McGinnis, *Grand Valley,* and Reta Heemstra; Pat Graham and Maureen Gilmore sang a duet. The Rev. Colvin, of *Markdale,* showed the film, "A Job for Bob," and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. T. R. Maxwell, of *Erin.*

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Doris Jean Robertson opened the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary and the Annie Purvis Evening Auxiliary, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Port Hope.* Mrs. C. A. Eby introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. James Young, of *Cobourg,* and Mrs. Ronald Doggett sang. The Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. W. Reidt and Mrs. H. E. Reynolds.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL—The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held at *Conn* Presbyterian Church, with the Theme, "Go and Tell." Discussion Groups were held on Overseas and National Work; Finance and Publications. Twelve ladies took part in an Historical Presentation of the two Anniversaries to be celebrated in May, 1964. An "In Memoriam" Certificate was presented to the family of the late Mrs.

S. A. MacArthur. Mrs. Denderyf was Soloist.

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. W. Pottinger, of *Val d'Or,* Social Worker, the Guest Speaker at the Fall Rally of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kirkland Lake,* was introduced by the Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. Litster. Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. D. MacGregor and Mrs. D. Stewart, of *Cochrane*. Registration was in charge of Mrs. P. West, *Kirkland Lake,* and the Rev. W. MacKinnon led the Hymn Sing. Interest Groups were guided by Mrs. W. Pottinger; Rev. W. MacKinnon; Miss E. MacRae; and Miss Martine van Beek, Deaconess.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Friends from *Aurora, Bolton, King City, Maple, Nashville, Parkdale, Schomberg,* and *Woodbridge,* Churches, attended the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Nobleton,* when President, Mrs. Chris Chamberlain, presided, and Mrs. A. S. Curr, W. M. S. Council President, was Guest Speaker. Mrs. Neville Martin was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. W. B. Cross, of *Nobleton.*

The Rev. Donald Powell, B.D., formerly ministering to the Koreans in *Japan,* and now working with Overseas Students in *Toronto,* through the Overseas Department of Missions, was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* Introduced by the Rev. Charles G. Boyd, Minister of Parkdale Church, Mr. Powell spoke on "The Missionary Challenge in South East Asia." Accompanied by Mr. Thurston, the Church Organist, Mrs. Ward sang twice. President, Mrs. O. J. Davies presided, and, with Mrs. D. A. Mowat, welcomed guests at the door. The Thanksgiving Service of Worship from "The Glad Tidings" was conducted by Mrs. Davies, Mrs. D. McLean, Miss Mary Wardlaw, and Mrs. H. McLachlan. The Nominating Committee — Mrs. D. A. Mowat, Miss Mary Wardlaw, and Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry — was appointed to report at the November Meeting, and the Anniversaries' Souvenirs were displayed. The Vote of Thanks was given by Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, and Rev. Charles G. Boyd closed the Meeting with prayer. Refreshments were served by members of the Executive.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Iroquois,* met for their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church Sanctuary, with President, Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, presiding, and many Guests in attendance. The Rev. John Hibbs sang a Solo, and two Films, illustrating the

Study Book "On Asia's Rim", were shown. A Social Hour was enjoyed.

The Senior W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Winchester,* heard Mrs. Douglas Hunter, of *Morewood* speak at their Thank-Offering Meeting, and enjoyed the special Accordion selections given by Miss Dianne Durant. Guests were present from neighbouring Auxiliaries.

The Rev. Peace Montgomery of *Richmond* and *Stittsville,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Mountain.* From his own experience of several years work in *China,* he brought a vivid picture of how Communism creeps into a country, and its sad results.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions on Council Executive, was Guest Speaker at the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon and Evening Auxiliaries of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall,* and was introduced by Mrs. W. L. MacLellan. Miss Edith Magee, B.A., on furlough from the *Jhansi Field, India,* was a welcome guest. Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, and Mrs. Colin MacFarlane welcomed guests, and, following the Devotional Period, Everett Rush and Richard Forrester sang a duet. Mrs. George Johnston gave the Vote of Thanks. The Rev. W. L. MacLellan conducted the Service.

Since this was also the 80th Anniversary of these W. M. S. Auxiliaries, the History, prepared by Mrs. J. Cameron, was read by Mrs. George Adams. Mrs. Hugh Wilson of *Avonmore* on behalf of her husband, brought Presbytery greetings, and Mrs. Joseph McCleverty, of *Ingleside,* President of Glengarry Presbyterial brought greetings also. Many guests enjoyed the Social Hour, at which Mrs. J. R. Cameron cut the Anniversary Cake.

Mrs. J. D. MacIver, of *Maxville,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, *Ingleside.* Introduced by Mrs. J. McCleverty, she spoke on the theme "Thanks Be To God for Our Heritage". Mrs. R. S. Abraham was Guest Soloist, and Mrs. Douglas Jarvis conducted the Meeting, assisted by Mrs. F. MacAndrew, and Mrs. H. Fleming, and Mrs. F. Brassard. Mrs. Wallace Murray presented the Vote of Thanks.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lancaster,* held in the home of Mrs. M. G. McCuaig, President, Mrs. Athol McDonald, presided, and the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Alpin McGregor, spoke on "Giving Thanks". The President reported on the Executive Meeting held in *Cornwall,* and also on the Workshops. The Thanksgiving Service of Worship from The Glad Tidings was used. Those taking part were the President; Mrs. John McLachlan; Mrs.

L. B. Harkness; and Mrs. A. E. McNaughton; Mrs. E. McPherson presented the thanks of the Meeting, and refreshments were served by the hostess.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Ross,* a Life Membership was presented to Presbyterial President, Mrs. John D. Jack, of Forrester's Falls, by President, Mrs. Gordon Bowes, on behalf of Mr. John Jack, who donated this Life Membership in memory of his parents, and as a birthday gift to his wife. Mrs. David Tripp, Life Membership Secretary, read the Address of Presentation.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Crescent and Kensington Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* the Rev. Clifton J. MacKay, B.A., D.D., Minister of the Church, presided at the Installation of Officers, and later gave an Address. Mrs. C. J. MacKay is Honorary President; Mrs. John Stewart, Past President; and Mrs. Norman Seath is President, with Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. J. Mearns and Mrs. T. H. Dentith. The Representative to Presbyterial is Miss Hazel Lanskail.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL—A successful "Scholarship Tea" was held by this Presbyterial in the home of Mrs. G. Scott Murray, when guests were received by Mrs. Murray; Mrs. Peace Montgomery; Mrs. F. M. Mooney; and Mrs. Robert Good. Pouring Tea at the prettily decorated Tea-Table were Mrs. T. Pollock; Mrs. H. D. Stewart; Mrs. J. L. Burgess; Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta; Mrs. Arthur Currie; Mrs. William Duffy; Mrs. R. C. Creelman; Mrs. A. B. Casselman; Mrs. F. M. Dunning; Mrs. H. F. Crain. Auxiliary members served. Mrs. Vincent Pask, was Convener, and Mrs. Kenneth Boyd received the money donations.

Seven of the original Group, which re-organized in 1925, were present at the 75th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Manotick.* President, Mrs. Kenneth Boyd, presided at the Luncheon and the Afternoon Meeting. Special Guests were Presbyterial Officers, members of W. M. S. Groups, and friends. Mrs. Allan Boyd gave the Opening Meditation and later the history of W. M. S. work in *Manotick.* Mrs. Percy Stinson conducted the Memorial Service.

The Guest Speaker, Mrs. M. Labranche, spoke on "The Power of the Word", and Mrs. W. M. Drummond was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. C. W. McLeesh. At the Social Hour, the Anniversary Cake was cut by Mrs. Alex Buchanan, and Mrs. Lorne Coudie. The Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, the Rev. F. Pollock, led in prayer and gave the Benediction.

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(Grace Noll Crowell)

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THE DARKNESS AND THE DAWN

Rev. R. H. M. Kerr

by THE REV. R. H. M. KERR, B.A., B.D.

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To watch the dawn of a new day is generally a rewarding experience. The gloom and darkness of the night is dissipated, when the sun comes up in its glorious brightness over the horizon of the eastern sky. Something like this happens, in the spiritual sense, as one reads the fifteenth chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthian Church. Amid the welter of incredulity about religious things in our own day, we are often inclined to forget that many, in the days of the early Church, had their doubts and fears as well.

St. Paul reminds these Corinthian Christians of the Gospel of "Good News" that he had, as of "first importance" preached to them; how that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that He was buried; that He was raised on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures; and that He was seen of Peter, the rest of the Apostles, and then of about five hundred believers at one time. "Last of all", says Paul, "He appeared also to me".

"Now", questions the Apostle, "if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?" Through the centuries multitudes of thinkers and writers, and many among the rank and file of people, have endeavoured to discount the fact of Christ's resurrection. But to Christians of all the ages it is the most important fact in the Gospel.

Says Professor James S. Stewart, of Edinburgh:- "This is our Gospel. For this is what Christianity essentially is—a religion of Resurrection. For this is what every worshipping congregation is intended in the purpose of God to be—a community of the Resurrection. This is the basic character of every act of public worship—a proclamation of the Resurrection. And this is what the Gospel offers to our dark and ruined chaos of a world, where men peering into the future are daunted by the well-nigh impossible task of creating order out of confusion, and life out of death; the power of the Resurrection." (1) "O rejoice that the Lord is Risen!"

But let us return to St. Paul and his argument in First Corinthians, chapter fifteen: "Let us suppose", he suggests, "that there is no resurrection from the dead. What does it mean?" Then with relentless and penetrating logic, the Apostle paints a dark and gloomy picture which is almost too terrible to contemplate. "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised".

How awful if this were true! It would mean that everything that Christ represented, all that He taught, and all that He lived and died for—went for nothing. What conviction could a faith like this convey to men, if God, the object of that faith, had left Christ to die on a Cross, and to rot in a tomb? If Christ has not been raised, there can be no faith in Him as the Saviour of the world. If Christ has not been raised, then everything that conspired to destroy Him and His cause has triumphed. This dead, defeated, leader could never be the inspirer of a glad and living faith.

With incisive strokes of his literary brush, the Apostle continues: — "If Christ be not raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain". Denial of the resurrection of Christ calls into question the preaching of the early Apostles, of Paul himself, and of all who, since then, have sought to proclaim the Gospel of a resurrected Lord. "If Christ has not been raised, then they who affirmed it are either lying charlatans or peddlers of fantastic illusions" (2), or at best poor deluded creatures.

If Christ has not been raised, all Christian preachers and teachers, from the beginning, have been propagating a gigantic hoax, and the Church has been a parasite, whose preachers and teachers have been living off the gullibility of the people. But Paul does not stop there. "If Christ be not raised", he continues, "your faith is also vain, and ye are yet in your sins".

All students of the Bible know that Jesus Christ taught a God of love—

a God who so loved the world that He gave His Son to die on the Cross that men might be saved. He taught that God was concerned to deal with sin, and that, through His own death on the Cross, reconciliation would be affected between God and man.

Jesus also taught that God would raise Him up from death, victorious over the power of sin and evil, and that, in His resurrection life, He would be with all those who should believe in Him—to give them power to conquer evil and achieve victory. "But", says Paul, "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain, and you art yet in your sins".

One of the greatest tenets of Christianity is the Divine assurance of forgiveness of sins and moral regeneration. Belief in the forgiveness of sins stands at the very heart of the Christian message, and multitudes, through the centuries, have rejoiced in the moral and spiritual release which the knowledge of forgiveness brings.

How tragic if Christ had not been raised! All the millions who have rejoiced in forgiveness, are yet in their sins, poor deluded souls, who have based their hopes on shifting sand. Finally, Paul says: "If Christ has not been raised — then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished".

How much easier it is for people to bear the loss of loved ones if they can be assured that there is a richer, fuller life beyond the grave. How uplifting and comforting it is to be reminded of the promises of Jesus, "Because I live, you shall live also", and "In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you".

In the tragedy of Macbeth, Shakespeare makes that monarch say:—

"Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, creeps in this petty pace from day to day.
To the last syllable of recorded time;
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle"!

That is our destiny if Christ has not been raised. What a wonderful thing it is to be able to turn from this gloomy dark picture, painted by the Apostle, to the brightness and confidence of his own assured faith. And in this confidence and faith, Paul has been joined by the Church through the ages. "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep".

There was no doubt in Paul's mind that Christ had been raised from the dead. This erstwhile persecuter of Christians had himself met the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus, and because of this encounter he had been transformed, redeemed, inspired. From then on, he could not refrain from proclaiming what Christ had done for him, and what He had done and can do for all who believe.

The Easter story, the Resurrection, is a proclamation of joy and gladness, because it brings the assurance of a living, loving, acting Lord, who is willing *to live in us in the here and now.*

The noted Dr. R. W. Dale, of Birmingham, England, was once preparing an Easter sermon. He tells us that though he had many times preached on an Easter topic, it was only then that he realised the great truth that "Christ is alive". "I must tell my people", he shouted, and from then on it was his custom to have an Easter hymn sung every Sunday in his Church.

Easter will never be real for you and me, until, like Dr. Dale, we discover that "Christ is indeed alive". Though our experience may not be like Paul's on the Damascus road, we can, and must, have the personal encounter, and be able to say with doubting Thomas: "My Lord and my God"!

"Death could not keep his prey,
Jesus, my Saviour
He tore the bars away,
Jesus, my Lord.
Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose."

Note (1. "A Faith to Proclaim", page 110)
(2. John Short: The Interpreter's Bible")

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THE GIFTS OF EASTER!

May the Giver of Gifts give unto you
An Easter that's blessed, the whole day through,
And then, through the days of the Springtime too
The will to help, and the courage to do;
This is the prayer I pray for you,
May the Giver of Gifts give these to you!

(Author Unknown)

PRAYER

by MISS ELLEN DOUGLAS

Deaconess, Presbytery of Westminster, B.C., St. Matthew's Centre.

Almighty and Eternal God, our words fail when we would speak of Thee, but our souls cannot cease to acknowledge Thee. We praise Thee, we worship Thee, we give thanks to Thee, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father. We bless Thee for Thy redeeming love, revealed to us in the Life and Cross of Thy Beloved Son, and for the grace by which we are His disciples.

O Lord Most High, who art not the God of the dead, but of the living, we would unite at this Easter season in thankful joy in the remembrance of Christ's triumph over death; that He who bore our sins in His body on the Tree could not be held captive by death, but rose victorious because the life that was in Him was the life of God, which can never die. We praise Thee, O God, that through the blood of His Cross, we who were once outside the pale are now, with believers everywhere, inside the circle of Thy love. We bless Thee that, through Him, Thou hast freed us from the terrors of the invisible last enemy, even death, and hast put within our hearts the assurance that "he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Loving Father, we pray that as we are baptised into the death of Thy Blessed Son, we may know Him in the power of His resurrection; that, by Thy grace, we may more and more die unto sin, and live unto righteousness. Mercifully grant that whensoever, in the dimness of this present life, our eyes are holden that we see Thee not, our hearts may be attentive to Thy holy will, and burn within us. May we seek with our whole hearts all holy and heavenly things. May the truth of Christ abide in us; His purity cover us; His Cross crucify us to the evil in the world; His resurrection quicken our strength and renew our hope. Spread abroad over the earth the knowledge of His Gospel, that He may rise again, and return in the new and redeemed life of the world. To this end, help us ever to present unto Thee our bodies, our minds, our souls, as our living and reasonable sacrifice.

Our Father, and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as His disciples, we lift our praise to Thee, both now and evermore. Amen.

You — and your Adult Group

SERVING THROUGH INTER-CHURCH COMMITTEES

(Note: This article is a summary of some thoughts expressed by two members of Council Executive, who serve as Presbyterian representatives on Inter-Church Committees: Mrs. E. C. Treleaven, who serves on such Committees as the National Canadian Girls In Training Committee of the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches, Mrs. J. M. Burnett, who serves on the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (the organization that has responsibility in Canada for the World Day of Prayer Services) and the Inter-Faith Committee. Quite a number of women from Council Executive, also Presbyterian women other than those on Council Executive, serve on various Inter-Church Boards and Committees. You will see a list of these Committees on page VI of the 1962 Annual Report.)

Because the Presbyterian Church in Canada is a member of the Canadian Council of Churches and our church has concerns beyond those of the Canadian Council for the welfare of peoples of all faiths, men and women from within our churches are asked to serve on Inter-Church and Inter-Faith Committees. As the Women's Missionary Society is an integral part of the life and work of the church, women who serve on Council Executive are often called upon to serve on these Committees.

From time to time articles have appeared on this page suggesting how women of the Church might serve their Lord through their local group, the Presbyterial, Synodical, Council Executive, and the Committees of Council Executive. As Mrs. Treleaven has had much experience in serving on the Canadian Council of Churches Committees, particularly in the girls' work field, and Mrs. Burnett has had similar experience on the Women's Inter-Church Council and the Inter-Faith Committee, we have asked them to share their thoughts on how a woman can serve her church and her God by being a member of such Committees.

These women feel our own denomination benefits greatly from these associations, as through such Committees a wider picture of the situation and needs of all men can be seen, as well as ways in which we, along with other denominations seek to meet these needs. Through discussions they have seen that the problems we have are often common to all Churches and in discussion some solutions may be found. There are a number of areas where together the Churches can accomplish a great deal more in the cause of Christ. Certainly the Churches' approach to Government and other secular groups is strengthened by presenting a unified request for consideration on matters of vital concern and importance. Working together on these Committees, certain pieces of Christian Literature are prepared which can be used in all church groups. Gradually, a deeper understanding of the practices of other faiths and denominations is fostered.

These diligent Committee members commented that serving on such Committees carries with it responsibility — first of all the responsibility of representing their denomination in discussion and debate and secondly the responsibility of conveying the factual information gained and the actions taken by the Inter-Church Committee to the Church group which they represent. More than this, however, must be conveyed, as it is important for the Committee member to help the members of her denomination understand and appreciate the desires and motivations of the other denominations.

Both women agreed that a member of an Inter-Church Committee is required again and again to re-examine her faith in God and the reasons for her belief and practice as these are questioned by other Committee members. This challenges her to be knowledgeable not only in the history and theology of her own faith, but to know the policy, opinions, and future plans of her own denomination and, of course, requires regular attendance at meetings, and study and consultations with policy-making personnel. Although much time and effort is expended in these activities, both women feel that the associations provide stimulating, satisfying and interesting fields of service. Many friendships are made with members of other branches of the Christian Church and with members of other faiths. A wider vision is acquired of the work God is calling all Christians to do around the world, and an appreciation of the task being undertaken by faithful workers from all denominations.

Mrs. Burnett stated: "In Inter-Faith and Inter-Church Committees as Christian laywomen, we can, even in a small way, make our witness, as we should in all groups and circles, to the fact that there is a God of love whom we worship and serve, and He has bidden us to make known that love to all mankind."

Anniversary Corner

WHOM WILL YOU MEET?

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

As everyone must know by now, the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) is celebrating two important anniversaries — the 100th and the 50th — by special meetings in Montreal on May 8, 9, and 10, 1964. Plans for these meetings are now being finalized and already, from letters received from across the country, it appears that many Presbyterian women will be converging on the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul and the Mount Royal Hotel on the afternoon of Friday, May 8th.

Whom will *you* meet in the sanctuary, in Kildonan Hall, at your hotel, in the dining room or lobby, or in your rooms? Of course you will meet Miss Margaret Kennedy, one of our well-known and beloved Missionaries, coming especially from the Bhil Field in India to the Anniversaries' meetings, to deliver the theme addresses.

You will meet nearly all of the National Staff members, representing every area of work in Canada — Regional Secretaries, Presbytery Deaconesses, workers among the Chinese, the Indians, the Port Workers, and Hospital Visitors.

You will meet outstanding leaders in The Presbyterian Church in Canada:—the Moderator of the 89th General Assembly, the Reverend H. Lennox, B.A., B.D., D.D., of Vancouver; the Reverend R. J. Berlis, B.A., B.D., D.D., the minister of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal; the Reverend K. G. McMillan, B.D., D.D., a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, who will speak on the opening night; and representatives of Boards and Committees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

You will meet Overseas Missionaries on furlough from areas of work in Nigeria, India, Formosa, and British Guiana.

You will meet well-known former members of the W.M.S. staff who served 25 years or more, including Miss Laura K. Pelton, Miss Lily Simpson, Miss Nellie W. Smith, and Miss Lily Macarthur, who have so many friends across Canada.

You will meet special guests from Overseas Churches such as Mrs. Tsai, the General Secretary for Women's Work of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa, and (it is hoped) Miss Miriam Lall, of the staff of the Helen Macdonald Higher Secondary School in Jhansi, India.

You will meet fraternal delegates from the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.) and from other Church Women's Organizations.

You will see (and hear) young people of the Choirs of the two Indian Residential Schools for which the Society is responsible.

You will meet the executive staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.): Miss Louise Reith, Executive Director of Organization; Miss Mary Whale, Executive Director of Overseas Missions; Miss Giollo Kelly, Executive Director of National Missions; Mrs. Arthur Cherry, Executive Director of Publications; Miss Helen Tetley, National Secretary for Teenage Work; Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work.

You will meet those who serve in the office of the Women's Missionary Society in "Room 800."

You will meet Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and as many as it is possible to have with us of former Presidents of the Society, together with the members of the Council Executive. Yes, you will meet many of the people whose names appear in the Glad Tidings' pages, whose pictures you may have seen—you will meet them in person in Montreal.

Whom will *you* meet in Montreal? This is an opportunity never before presented to the women of our Church, to meet and share experiences with all of these interesting people. You will also meet many more whose names do not appear here—women from W.M.S. groups in every corner of our seven Synodicals; women from towns and cities and farms; women of different backgrounds and regions, who share with you a common interest in the spreading of the Gospel message across our land and throughout the world. Like you, the women you will meet in Montreal have a passionate conviction, to study and work and pray, so that the world may know the power of Jesus Christ to save. They too are working to make the motto "The World for Christ" a living reality.

Will you be there, in Montreal, next May? Will other women meet you there? Will you share in the fellowship, the inspiration, the challenges, of the Anniversaries' Meetings?

Let's meet in Montreal!

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AS A SUN HATH RISEN!

'Tis the Spring of souls today, Christ
has burst His prison,
And from three days sleep-in-death,
as a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins, long and
dark, is flying
From His light, to Whom we give
laud and praise undying.

(John of Damascus—8th Century)

REGISTRATION FORMS

Note: Registration forms to be filled in by everyone planning to attend the Anniversaries' Celebrations in Montreal have been sent to all Adult W.M.S. groups.

If you have not a Registration Form, ask the secretary of your local group or write for these forms direct to:

THE ANNIVERSARIES' COMMITTEE
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
ROOM 800, 100 ADELAIDE STREET WEST
TORONTO 1, ONTARIO

BEHOLD THE LILIES!

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matthew 6, verses 28-29)

Beautiful indeed, as are these wonderful words of Jesus, so are the lilies themselves—those stately, pure-white Bermuda Lilies which, throughout all of this great world, have truly become the symbol of the Eastertide. Actually, this lovely Lily, with its golden-tongued centre, is a native of the Ryukyu Islands, which lie like a cluster of jewels, in the blue Pacific Ocean, between Japan and Formosa. We are told that the Lily first came to Bermuda because a Missionary, returning from Japan, planted there a single Lily-bulb, away back in 1857. How little he could have realized what a wonderful thing he had done, or how vast the results would be! For, from that one Lily-bulb has now grown, not only Bermuda's favorite and best-known flower, but also its leading, and most thriving export — more than a million of these Lily-bulbs are shipped from Bermuda each year, and sent to many parts of the world for Easter-time enjoyment; and at least half a million cut stem-Lilies are also exported during the Easter Season.

These Bermuda Lilies go forth to beautify Churches and homes in all Christian lands, where they have come to symbolize the purity, simplicity, glory, and wonder of the Easter message — the resurrection of Christ on that first Easter Morn, so long ago; and the final victory over the darkness of death, which is now the hope and surety of all believers in the promises of God. I have, myself, sat on Easter Sunday Morning in the Collegiate Church of New York City, where Dr. Norman Vincent Peale is the beloved Pastor, and where, literally, thousands of these pure and fragrant Easter Lilies from Bermuda form a great white Cross on the wall behind the pulpit, and also turn the whole sanctuary into a perfumed bower of beauty, which no words could ever properly describe. Each year, these Lilies come there as a Gift from a Bermuda donor, whose life has been touched, and enriched, by Dr. Peale's ministry. Other Churches, too, in various parts of the world, have received similar gifts of beauty and meaning. Indeed, it would be difficult, in this day and age, to visualize an Easter-tide without the still beauty of the Easter Lily!

To see these "lilies of the field", however, in their profusion of growth and splendour, and in their own environment, one needs to visit Bermuda at any time from late March to the middle of May. Then, the soft air over the Islands is as incense, filled with indescribable perfume. Great fields of these pure white Lilies dot the whole countryside, wherever there is an inch of good soil. Visitors, in their thousands, come from all points of the compass at this time to these "Beautiful Isles", which are a tiny mid-Atlantic British Colony, and where the Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, the Capital City, is now a part of the West Toronto Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. They come just to look upon the glories of these "lilies of the fields", and to enjoy the splendid Annual Floral Pageant, which is held in honour of the stately Bermuda Lily, when dozens of wonderful floral "floats" are seen in procession, after many busy days of planning and preparation.

It takes a long time to grow a Lily-bloom! After the Lily-bulb is planted in the good Bermuda soil, it requires a full three years to develop a Lily-bloom. Yet, from that original first Lily-bulb, planted so many years ago by the home-returning Missionary from Japan, now four types of Bermuda Lilies have been developed and grown in real profusion— the Howardii, which blooms early; the Harrisii, an average blooming; the Longiflorum, a late blooming variety; and the Croft, a very late-blooming Easter Lily. All are equally lovely, of pure perfection, and fragrant loveliness. And truly indeed, even Solomon, in all his glory, was *not* arrayed like one of these!" How wonderful a mission from that one lone bulb, and the hand of the unknown Missionary who planted it!

GOD'S POWER TRANSFORMS!

by MARGARET F. KENNEDY, INDIA

(This article is in reality a part of Miss Kennedy's 1963 Annual Report. In this Miss Kennedy gives us a real feeling of the challenge which is to be seen in presenting the Christian Gospel, at this point of India's history. This Report is timely as we continue our study of India.)

Events throughout 1963, in our world of Central India, have shown the mounting consciousness of the inter-relationship of peoples hitherto somewhat remote from one another. Recently in Barwani, there was as much stir over the assassination of an American President as there was over the death of our revered Past President of India, Rajendra Prasad. The Negro march to Washington was known here, and was compared with Gandhi's activities; news of Pope John and the Ecumenical Council brought questions from officials as to the Roman-Catholic - Protestant relationship, and why they had killed one another in the past!

In our Vindhya and Satpura Presbytery there are moves toward more equitable relationships, entailing study of an Administrative Council in place of Mission Council; study for a new basis of integration, whereby the present thwarting of evangelistic outreach, due to lack of funds, can be overcome; study as to how the women's evangelistic work can become an integral part of Presbytery. Just when we needed stimulus toward a wider thinking, we were privileged to have a Survey Team of five Church and Educational leaders from other areas of India, who were able to point-up weaknesses and strengths in the growth of Christ's Kingdom on this field.

Other events in this year have made us conscious that we are of the fellowship of the United Church of Northern India, not just of the Bhil field. Our Mela speakers included Dr. Davis, Principal of Indore Christian College, and Mrs. David brought inspiration to the women's and children's meetings. After our happy time with wives of the evangelists last year, we arranged classes again in April, and the special speaker was Mrs. Patliya, whose husband, originally from Mendha, is Principal of the Union Theological College. In August, I was glad to take part in a week's Refresher Classes in Ujjain for all the women evangelistic workers in the Malwa Church Council, and this area workers were invited to join in this. We found two of the Malwa workers had been girls in Mendha before marriage; that the Ujjain gardener was an Amkhut man. In October, we shared in the programme of the Mid-India Nurses Auxiliary meeting, when some one hundred nurses from a wide area discussed their problems and opportunities as Christians — what were the dangers and challenges of working in the Government hospitals?

The whole Conference went to Chitor for a picnic one day, where there is one of the most famous forts in India, still a magnificent structure. Here lived the beautiful Queen Padmani in the 12th century — a Muslim conqueror agreed not to attack if he could see her, even in a mirror. Later, when the Fort was about to fall into the hands of Muslims, Padmani led her royal ladies to an underground hall, and there they burned themselves alive rather than fall into the hands of the Muslims.

Miss Hislop and I decided early in the year to go, as a team, to give intensive teaching to groups of Christian women near the Amkhut area, who are semi-literate. We gave five days of teaching in four villages. Our assistants, Mina and Florence, gave leadership in Bible study, and in teaching simple nutrition. Mina was again in charge of the food and cooking arrangements for our camp in Toran Mal, as well as leading one teaching period. The Boys' camp, in Toran Mal, was held first, then the girls were to go up on the chartered bus which would bring the boys down. The bus broke down before it started out, and with difficulty truck drivers were persuaded to carry the campers up the mountains. It was worth it all to have those days together! A teacher from Ratlam gave excellent leadership in a study on Acts — how did the Church come into being! Then we were delighted to have Miss Ruth Singh with us, the graduate nurse who many years ago was the valued co-worker of Miss McConnell and Miss MacMurchy. She led in discussion, helping the girls to see the relevance of Christ's teaching and power in their workaday lives, and shared her own experience as a senior nurse, and the only Christian in a Government hospital.

Amid these varying activities, we have spent some part of every month in Balkhar. The two extra rooms for retreats and visitors were opened in February and have been made use of, though not yet as much as we had hoped. The problem of the day labourer not being able to take any time off at all is still with us, and this where people are illiterate, not able to find spiritual nurture by themselves, is a constant challenge, especially to the evangelists in that district. These Christians, though, continue to bring others. In the wedding season, their traditional work is to provide music with drums, bugles, flutes. In these village bands, some are Christians, some are not. A year ago, two young men were baptised, and when we went once to their village, we were greeted on the main street with their band, seven musicians, all Christians except one. The girls and I went on to their houses and soon the men came after us — they had finished their one-hour stint outside the bride's house and had an hour's rest. We had a good time of teaching and discussion, then two of them, who could read, learned to sing the "kirtan" we had with us, a poem telling a story which is chanted. The one they learned was of the Prodigal Son. In Balkhar proper, two brothers periodically make up their song — one will call out a line in a high tone, then the small drum is struck, the harmonium played, and a group join in with a chorus, or repeat his line. The Gospel story is both taught and remembered this way.

Mina and Florence continue their teaching of the women, in the eight villages within walking distance of Balkhar, during seasons when the women are liable to be at home. The Mobile Medical nurses are a great help in this, as their work opens up many homes for the presenting of God's Word. The girls have had opportunities to teach sewing and reading. Especially happy times in that district are when the children are home from school, and they delight to teach their parents the hymns and prayers they have learned. Four boys are now beyond the Fifth class in Mandleshwar Mission School and go to the big Government school, so they had the three week's Divali holiday. We arrived in Balkhar during the last week of this, and found that singing and witnessing meetings were being held every night down in the mohulla, a family taking turns every night to provide kerosene for the petromax and tea for the whole group, including non-Christian listeners.

So the year has gone, with occasional despondency when faith needed to be stronger, but with high points of joy and hope that God is indeed working His purpose out, and establishing His rule here, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. We are glad to have 1964 before us, that we may see more of His purpose becoming clear, more of His power transforming our own and the lives of many around us.

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EASTER SONG

I heard two angels singing, ere yet the dawn was bright,
And they were clothed in shining robes — robes and crowns of light;
And one sang, "Death is vanquished!" and one with gold voice
Sang: "Love hath conquered! conquered all! O Heaven and Earth rejoice!"

(Selected)

KEEP THESE DATES !

May 8-9-10, 1964

The Anniversaries Celebration — the 100th Anniversary
and the 50th Anniversary
in Montreal, Quebec
at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

May 11-12, 1964

The Annual Meeting of Council

Brief Business Meeting, immediately following
close of Anniversaries Celebration,
at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

Theme — "The World For Christ"

MISS MAVIS JEAN HYNDMAN DESIGNATION SERVICE

Reported by MRS. I. LEHUGUET

A Service of Designation was conducted by the Presbytery of Victoria for Miss Mavis Jean Hyndman, Sunday, December 29, 1963 in Knox Presbyterian Church, Victoria. Rev. Dr. A. A. Rattray, Minister of Knox Church and Moderator of Presbytery, was in charge of the Service. The Service of Designation was conducted by Rev. R. Cochrane, of Nanaimo. Rev. J. L. W. McLean, Rev. Dr. W. J. Klempa, and Rev. Dr. W. O. Nugent, Superintendent of Missions for British Columbia, shared in the Service.

Mavis Jean Hyndman

Rev. Alan Beaton, Clerk of Presbytery and Minister of Knox Church, Sooke, addressed the Missionary and the congregation. His text was taken from Acts, 17:22, 23. He emphasized the fact that those who are called by God to be His own are wont to forget how much is due to Him.

Mrs. I. LeHuquet, President, British Columbia Synodical Society, represented the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and presented a Bible on behalf of the Society.

The following is the statement made in the calendar for the occasion —

"With the appointment, by the Council Executive of the W.M.S. (W.D.), of Miss Mavis Hyndman to the Korean Christian Church in Japan, this Congregation lost the support of one who has worked steadily and consistently to advance the Cause of the Lord in this particular corner of His Vinyard. Now she goes with our best wishes, mingled with regret at parting with so devoted a partner in the Work, to Tokyo, to the administrative office of the Korean Church in Japan, to place her valuable business experience and considerable talent at the service of her Master there.

Coming to Victoria several years ago, Miss Hyndman, whose home is in Calgary, Alberta, has worked as a lay-woman in the Young People's work of our Church, and also has been active in the Women's work of the W.M.S. An employee of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, Mavis has also been active in the C.G.I.T., and was the Synodical Girls' Organization Secretary up until receiving her present appointment.

In Knox Church, where she was the beloved Leader of the Young People's Society and active in the Flora Whiteford Group, Mavis earned the respect and affection of all of us. The Young People especially hope that since her appointment is a short-term one, she will return soon to our midst, and resume her place in the life of our congregation."

Friends attended the Service from various centres on Vancouver Island and from Vancouver City. A Social Hour followed the Service, during which Miss Hyndman's friends had opportunity to extend their best wishes.

Miss Hyndman left Vancouver, January 5th, 1963, and arrived in Tokyo, January 6th. She began her orientation to language and to the customs of the country at once.

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FAITH!

Lord give me faith,
Out-reaching faith,
That I, when tried,
May flee to Thee
And find Thy strength
My victory.

(Selected)

BROTHER MAN!

by MISS JOAN MACNEIL

Editorial Assistant for Missionary Education of the Missionary Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

"He's no burden, he's my brother" said the little girl with the baby on her back! There was a month in 1963 when I saw this every day on the Presbyterian calendar. It stays in my mind, as a parable of the responsibilities towards others that we have as Christians — it *is* no burden we carry, it is our brother!

The picture on the calendar showed a child from Formosa. She may be one of those whom we in Canada helped last year, when a typhoon struck the island. Within a few days, money was sent for relief of those who had lost everything, as well as for repairing damage at the Mackay Memorial Hospital.

It is this work of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service, that I have in mind particularly, when I think of the girl with her brother. Each year, as we look towards Easter, the appeal is presented, and it can feel like an extra burden for those who are already overburdened. The demands of those we know are heavy, and why should we help those we don't know? The reason is that they are brothers of Jesus Christ, for whom He died; and we are fortunate if we can help them without having to worry that our own children may go hungry because of our generosity.

In the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Inter-Church Aid appeal is made by a Committee set up by the General Assembly, and authorized to approach every congregation for support, beyond what is given to the regular Church Budget. The money raised is mostly sent to the World Council of Churches, Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service (through the Canadian Council of Churches). Through them, what we give is used in sudden emergencies, more quickly than we could respond ourselves, and also for continuing work like the resettlement of refugees, training for destitute young people, and health programmes for special needs. When death strikes in a major disaster, the public is eager to help. Often it is only Churches, and a few other dedicated agencies, who remember the millions for whom life is a daily struggle, and who must be helped to avoid a disaster which is enough to destroy them, although it seems small to others.

In 1963, the Inter-Church Aid Committee sent $1,000 to British Guiana for the Child-Feeding Programme of the Churches during the general strike; $2,000 emergency help to Jobat Christian Hospital in India;

$500 for powdered milk for supplementary feeding in India — in addition to $10,000 to Formosa for typhoon relief, and about $20,000 to the World Council of Churches Inter-Church Aid. This year they hope people will give more than the $36,000 of last year.

A report of the General Assembly in 1962 made six vital points about Inter-Church Aid. They are—

—service to those in distress is an essential part of the life of the Church;

—the need for aid cannot be met in one special year, but will continue as long as the imperfect world continues;

—support is needed for programmes which reduce suffering, as well as for relief of urgent distress;

—through the World Council of Churches, which works closely with all denominations, unnecessary waste and overlapping is avoided;

—Inter-Church Aid is closely related to world mission; and

—for "second mile" giving, where no specific amount is expected or asked for, and people can give beyond their regular commitment as their heart and conscience lead them.

THE BESSIE MacMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

Contributions to the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund to January 13th, 1964 amount to $3,821.35. The response to this fund is most heartening to the friends and colleagues of Bessie MacMurchy. The contributions have come from friends, and from auxiliary members, who have known Miss MacMurchy and have been inspired by her Christian witness. Her own home Presbyterial — Barrie, has made a gift as a Presbyterial.

Plans are under way for Miss Patras to come to Canada this year. It is thought that she may come in June. The fund will pay for her travel to this country, her board and lodging in Canada, and any travel she may do here before beginning her course at Western. It is also the custom to allow a small amount monthly for incidental expenses. We believe that the Memorial Fund will pay these expenses for the approximately two years Miss Patras may be in Canada. If it does, it will indeed be a fitting memorial to a worthy Christian missionary.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800; 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE INNER CITY

by GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A.
Executive Director of National Missions

The increased tempo of urbanization in recent years has resulted in vast changes within our nation. Many of these changes have taken place so swiftly that people, in general, have not been conscious of the change. Suddenly, however, we have become aware that the rural culture, which characterized Canada a few years ago, has given way to a new pattern, and we are living now in a society which is predominately urban in nature.

Urbanism involves large numbers of people. In the first decade, following World War II, some one million, two hundred thousand persons from Central and Southern Europe emigrated to Canada. Approximately one-quarter of these settled in the Metropolitan Toronto area, while other cities absorbed proportionately large numbers. Canada's largest city — Montreal — has a population at present of approximately two million. Toronto follows closely behind with just over one million, eight hundred thousand. It has been estimated that by 1980 the population of these two cities will have swelled to three million, and two million, eight hundred thousand respectively. Continued immigration and the current population explosion are expected to increase our total Canadian population by ten million in the next sixteen years, bringing it to twenty-eight million.

The movement of people to cities has always had the economic factor as its primary motive. The centralization of industry in or near cities has resulted in the movement of large numbers of persons from our small towns and rural areas in search of employment, or to pursue their education or training, in order that they might be better qualified for employment. A large percentage of these newcomers have settled in the older residential areas of the city, which were vacated by the exodus to suburbia of the original middle-class occupants. The inner city also has become the "port of entry" for most of the new Canadians as they have begun their lives in a new land. Here in large former one-family homes, which have been converted into rooming houses and multiple dwellings, the newcomers have found accommodation in keeping with their resources. Often limited resources have forced families into very small quarters, and have resulted in serious overcrowding. As the economic conditions of the more resourceful have improved, they have moved to "better" residential areas, only to be replaced by others seeking their fortune in the city. This mobility, together with the hard usage by overcrowding and lack of funds to make necessary repairs, has caused the rapid deterioration of these districts, thus increasing the slum or near-slum areas, which are part of the legacy of every city of any appreciable size.

A recent newspaper article cited a report of a national organization which claimed that "the central cores of Canadian cities" have been "deserted by all but low-income families and immigrants". The report recorded instances of three or four families occupying a six-room house and children sleeping four in a bed. Overcrowding was such that many children were forced to do their homework in nearby restaurants. In these districts, children and young people make their friends and find their entertainment on the street, because there just is not room for normal family living in the houses which they call home. Robbed of the basic security found in normal family life, these young people seek recognition, and a feeling of belonging, in the street gang.

Change has come to some of the former slum cores of our cities also, as they have had to give way to the encroachment of industry, expressways, or the redevelopment of low-cost rental housing construction, or, in some cases, (and this will be an increasing phenomenon) to the erection of luxury or semi-luxury apartments, which are attracting the middle class members of society back into the central city. This movement tends to push the depressed areas further out to embrace some of the earlier suburban developments.

The inner city, from its fringe to its core, is also the habitat of many of our Senior Citizens — those who have been home-owners in the area in "better days" and who have watched drastic changes take place in their neighbourhood as they have tried to hold on to their independence as long as possible, as well as many elderly folk whose worldly wealth barely pays the rent for a single room. Whether they be an elderly couple, widow or widower, with ten rooms or one to call home, their need is the same — they must discover a meaningful role for themselves in modern day society. They are lonely, and long for friendship and for a sense of being needed.

It is to the inner city core that the transient and the vagrant gravitates, as well as those who seek anonymity. For in spite of its "melting pot" characteristic, "it is easy to live in the city insulated from all but one's own little world."

Where does the Church fit into this complex situation? Is the complexity of it so great that there is a tendency on the part of many in the Church to close their eyes to the problem, and in this way dispose of it? This would appear to be the case in some instances within our Church. For, in spite of the fact that there are numerically many more people living in the districts surrounding most of our downtown congregations than there were formerly, a survey of some of these congregations revealed a drop of from twenty-five to fifty per cent in membership. In addition, in most cases, more than half the members now live some distance from the Church. Much more disturbing is the fact that up to fifty per cent of the population neighbouring the Churches surveyed was comprised of ethnic groupings, and yet most of these congregations did not have any ethnic members or adherents.

In *"These Cities Glorious"* Lawrence Janssen writes, "When neighbourhood change begins, such churches (those who see their ministry in terms of a particular congregation of people who belong to the same socioeconomic, racial or ethnic group) either actively resist admitting newcomers, or take the passive way of failing to evangelize and make necessary programme changes. The changing city is not the villain, nor is the church the victim. Rather, lack of mission has been at fault, and the Kingdom of God has been the poorer whenever a church has withdrawn (physically or otherwise) from an inner city area where a church was needed . . . A large part of the problem lies in the loss of the meaning of parish and in the failure to be concerned with persons."

Rather than withdrawing from the inner city with its complexity of problems, should we, within the Church, not deplore the lot of the many in our inner city areas, who are both culturally and spiritually deprived, sufficiently that our Christian concern will be translated into action? Should we not go to those who will not come to us— many of whom will not come because they do not think they will be made welcome? Should we not be helping the myriad of young people in the inner city to find the answer to their question, "Who am I?" In the few areas where our Church is actively engaged in ministering to the inner city, there has been a rewarding response. Our workers are doing a fine job, but there are many other needy areas requiring a like ministry. The inner city needs the Church to bring meaning into men's lives. Amid so much that is unlovely, the love of God in Jesus Christ alone can meet this need.

To meet the challenge of the inner city, the Church must make a total family and home approach. It is not enough to bring the children out of the home for training in our middle-class society, only to send them back into a situation where they are faced with great difficulty in relating what they have learned. We must be willing to adapt to new patterns and to adopt different methods, where necessary, if we are to minister to the spiritual needs of the inner city. We also must be willing, as Christian citizens within our communities, to take a stand on matters which may have a very profound effect on the unhappy lot of those who are caught in these areas. This calls for co-operation with agencies of various types, which are endeavouring to alleviate the temporal stresses that are so prevalent.

When Jesus beheld the City of Jerusalem, He wept over it. He knew what could have been, had that city recognized God's visitation in their midst. Let us not be guilty of withholding from those who live in our inner cities today the knowledge of "the way that leads to peace", through Him Who is the Prince of Peace.

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Easter Service of Worship

Arranged by MRS. JOHN C. MacFARLANE

President, West Toronto Presbyterial

Theme—"He Is Not Here, For He Is Risen, As He Said" (St. Matthew 28-6)

Call to Worship—

"Now let the heavens be joyful, Let the earth her song begin;
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein:
Let all things seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, Our joy that hath no end."

Hymn No. 214 — 3 verses

"Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels, say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens; and earth reply.
Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
Lo! He sets in blood no more."

Prayer — O loving Christ, we praise Thee that Thou didst break the bonds of death on the first Easter, and appeared unto those whose hearts were prepared to receive Thee. Take away the dimness of our sight that we may see more clearly. Open our minds and our hearts that we may learn more of the true joys of serving a Risen Saviour. Give us ever the knowledge of Thy LIVING Presence close beside us. Give us grace to set a good example, to be just and true, temperate in all our enjoyments, charitable toward all men, and may others know of Thee from having known us. Amen.

Responsive Reading — Matthew 28; verses 1-10; 16-20.

Leader — "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn, toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to see the sepulchre.

Group — And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

Leader — His countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow;

Group — And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

Leader — And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Group — He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Leader — And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him; lo, I have told you.

Group — And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Leader — And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Group — Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid; go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Leader — Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

Group — And when they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

Leader — And Jesus came and spoke unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Group — Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Leader — Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Hymn No. 212 — Verses 1, 2 and 4.

"Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all — a healing stream —
Flows from Calvary's mountain."

Meditation — Easter is Eternal — if our Easter happiness depends on a springtime festival, it can be just as transient as the bunnies, the painted eggs, and the new millinery. But at Easter we celebrate a joy that is just as vivid in October as in March — a joy in the Risen Lord and a rich delight in living which nothing in this world can ever take away. Easter is the reassurance that we do not depend on outward circumstance. The God who raised Christ from the grave can also raise us out of every depth. Today, and tomorrow, and the day we die, and the day after that, we can have Easter, come whatever else might. A tourist having heard of a famous statue of Christ, went to the place where it was located. When he saw the statue he was keenly disappointed. It was not what he had expected. "You are disappointed in our statue?" the guide said. "Ah, but there is only one way to see its real beauty. You must go as close as possible, then kneel and look up." When the tourist followed these instructions, he found himself looking up into the face of Jesus, and the radiant beauty of the statue thrilled him. There is only one way for us to see the real beauty of the Risen Christ. Draw near to Him and let Him draw near to you, kneel in prayer and by faith look up into His face. You will feel His LIVING presence close beside you.

"He Lives! He Lives!
  Christ Jesus lives today,
He walks with me, and talks with me
  Along life's narrow way.
He Lives! He Lives!
  Salvation to impart,
You ask me how I know He lives:
  He lives within my heart!"

Solo (if desired) — "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

Offering —

Offertory Prayer — Lord, help us ever to remember that Thou art the giver of every good and perfect gift, and in return, may we give Thee willingly of our best. Amen.

Closing Hymn — No. 220 — 3 verses

"The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God!
From death to life eternal
From earth unto the sky,

Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory."

Benediction — The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

QUEEN OF THE DARK CHAMBER By Christiana Tsai

This is not a new book—it was first published in 1953, and since then it has run through 13 printings — but it is a book of enthralling interest; a true life-story told by a highly-born and educated Chinese woman, daughter of a wealthy Confucian official, who having found the wonder of God's love, has "devoted her life to making known the One whom she recognized as Saviour of the world, and the hope of her nation". Thirty years of that life have been spent as an invalid—the victim of an incurable malignant malaria in the marrow of her bones. Yet this is a joyous book; a book of strong faith and strong character, as it pictures authentically, the happy, protected life, and interesting background, of the well-regulated Chinese family-life of those years before China was forced into Communism. None who read this book could ever again question the infinite value of foreign missions.

Early in her girlhood, Christiana became "the fruit of missionary endeavour, and through the transformation of her own life, many of her own large family, and outreaching clan, became Christians also". Together with her dear friend, and godmother, Miss Mary Leaman whose father, in 1874 came as the first Protestant Missionary to the Chinese City of Nanking, Christiana worked for years in the tremendous task of preparing the translation of the Bible in the Phonetic Script, which her people could read and study. These are the Bibles which today are given as prizes, to the women who can read, in the Aborigine Churches of the Tyal Tribe, by our own Miss Hermanson and other Missionaries in Taiwan. Mrs. Moore Gordon, when she was in Taiwan, in the years before retirement, actively sponsored a "Phonetic Reading Programme" among these Aborigine Churches of the Tyal tribe.

Just before Pearl Harbour, the immense task of preparing the Phonetic Bible was completed, but all possibility of its printing in Shanghai was forever ended. Nothing daunted, these valiant women secretly set-up ten sets of the completed Bible in the Phonetic Script and those were hidden in different places — the Swiss Consulate; Hong Kong; a Shanghai Bank; the loft of a German friends home! After the war; concentration camp; and finally release, in 1949, the intrepid Miss Leaman, now sadly crippled, and Christiana, who had to be carried the whole length of the dock, were enabled to come to the United States, and with them they brought three sets of that precious hidden Phonetic Bible — the only ones which were still intact. From the home they have found together, in Pennsylvania, their wonderful work goes on, and through their steadfast endeavours, still more and more humble believers are learning "to read God's Word and to form Bible-reading habits".

This book was first brought to my attention by Miss Verne McNeely, who, for many years a missionary in the pre-war China, knew, and worked with, these truly indomitable Christian women. It has already been published in America, Great Britain; China; Germany; India; Japan; Korea; Spanish Latin America; Norway; Sweden; Thailand; Italy, and also in English Braille. Just to read it is a moving and inspiring experience. —Price $3.95

MY ROOM IN THE WORLD, A MEMOIR

By Kathryn Sisson Phillips

Published just this January, this *is* a very new book, but it, too, is the story of a life of service, dedication, and love, that of Kathryn Sisson Phillips, who has lived, and is still vitally living, a full and wonderful life of great vision and accomplishment. Her motto, all through a long life as a student, teacher, wife and mother, Dean of Women, Missionary and Organization leader, has been "Service is the rent you pay for your room in the world". Dr. Ralph Sockman, who writes the introduction to her book says "Kathryn views her world, and her room in it, with the eyes of the body, mind, and the heart". As one reads, it is easy to realize that this wise and witty woman has early learned to recognize the qualities that alone can make life good, and how to build these qualities more fully into the only life one can control — one's own. We first meet Mrs. Sisson, high in an airplane, starting out, at the age of 82, for a trip around the world, which, at the end, takes her to the Meeting of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India! In the pages between, we read of her Grandparents' trip from Ireland to the New World; her childhood on the prairies; her father's life as a frontier Minister, and her mother's courageous spirit; her life in College, her work in educational, Missionary and Church fields, as well as her full and happy family life. A delightful book to read. — Price $3.00

AND STILL HE SPEAKS By Edward L. R. Elson

Excellent reading at any time, this book is especially thought-arousing at Easter-time. Considered to be one of the leading Clergymen of the

United States, Dr. Elson has for many years been Pastor of The National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., and is well known for his clear, scholarly thinking and presentation, his keen insight into the everyday life and needs of the many types of people to whom he preaches. This book he has written, with the strong guiding conviction that the Resurrection is the central fact of Christian history, and he has spoken particularly of the often-neglected words of Christ, which we know from our Bibles that He spoke to His people *after* Easter Sunday. We know that during a period of forty days and forty nights, the risen Christ came to His followers —individually; where they gathered in small groups; and at least once to a crowd of five hundred. There are eleven recorded appearances. Here, we are helped to think about what Christ said on these occasions; what was the significance of those words, and how they can be applied to our lives today. In these nine helpful and interesting Chapters we read of "The Word of Confirmation; The Word of Salution; the Word of Faith; The Word of Discipleship; The Word for the World; The Word from The Living Word; The Word That Converts; The Word To Be Preached; and The Word Everlasting." — Price $2.50

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Boys and Girls!

THE EASTER STORY

by DOROTHY FRITZ

It was a beautiful spring morning! The sun shone bright, and dew sparkled on the trees and flowers along the roadside. It was a day to make everyone happy and gay. Along a road walked three women—Mary, Magdalene, and Salome. They were not happy. They had lost their best friend, Jesus, because men, who did not know and love him as they did, had killed him. Their faces were sad, and their voices low. They did not even see the beauty all around them.

"Just think," said Salome, "only one week ago we were so happy as Jesus rode along this very way."

"But now He is gone," said Mary sadly, "How can we live without His help?"

"Life was so full of joy and gladness, as He taught us how to love and help," said Magdalene. "Who will now teach us?"

Before them the road stretched, brown and rocky.

"How can you be sad?" asked the road. "My way is Jesus' way. Only a week ago He rode here, while man and women and children waved him a welcome, and sang hosannas. Does it not make you glad that all along this way He stopped to help the sick and sorrowing?"

But the women did not hear, and walked slowly on. Salome stopped to pick a great armful of flowers. "We will carry them to the tomb of Jesus, in Joseph's garden," she said.

The flowers nodded gayly up at her. "Jesus loved us," they said, "we spoke to Him ever of the beauty of God's love and care. Cannot you see it, too?" But Salome did not see their brightness.

Overhead, birds sang in the warm spring air. A farmer in the field nearby threw some of his grain on the hard pathway, that they might eat their fill. "See!" carolled the birds as they flew down for their feast, "the farmer has remembered the words of Jesus—'freely ye have received, freely give'—and it is blessed to give." But the women did not hear their joyous song.

And now the road wound up a hillside to a garden. On one side some children were playing in the tall grass. "How can you be sad?" whispered the grass, as it waved gently to and fro. "It was here Jesus blessed your children. They will always remember how He said, 'Let them come unto me'." But Mary and Magdalene and Salome walked sadly on, not understanding.

Near the garden a flock of sheep were grazing. Close by was the shepherd, singing as he watched over them. Softly his words came to the women, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." Mary stopped. "Listen to his words," she cried, "—'for thou art with me'." she turned and looked back over the way they had come. "How can we be longer sad? Jesus has been with us all the way. Everything, everywhere, has been speaking of Him, only we did not see nor hear."

"I do see," said Salome, "All our lives, that which is good and beautiful will remind us of the things He said and did."

"Let us try to follow His way," said Magdalene. "And so He will truly be ever with us."

And when in the garden, God's message came to them, "He is not dead, He is alive forevermore!", they knew it was true, and ran joyously back to share the good news with all the friends of Jesus.

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—For those who as yet do not appreciate the power of the Resurrection, that at this Easter season they may realize the full meaning of the first Easter morn.

—For all Boards and Synodicals of the Church as they come together in Annual Meetings, that in all decisions they may seek and follow the guidance of God.

—For the work of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. Pray that, as that Church faces the future, it may be guided to know God's will in its plans to extend the Church throughout the country, and particularly as it seeks to know its place in urban centres which are developing so quickly. Pray for the Church Leaders and Missionaries of the Church of Scotland and of the Canadian Presbyterian Church.

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THOSE EASTER EGGS OF UKRAINIAN TRADITION

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

Have you been admiring them this Easter-tide — those brightly-coloured, intricately-patterned, Easter Eggs of the Ukraine, which are so distinctively original in design, so deeply significant and symbolical in the observance of the Easter season by the Ukrainian people, no matter in what part of the world they may dwell, or how many generations they may be removed from their beloved homeland, Ukraine? Or maybe you saw them, even as I did, at the Canadian National Exhibition, among all the other beautiful handicrafts on display there, and marvelled, as you watched, at the skill of those clever fingers which were creating such infinite beauty, right there before your eyes! If so, I think you will be interested to know something more about their real wealth of meaning, and high artistic value.

They are a colourful people, the Ukrainians, with centuries of culture, tradition and folklore, behind them, and many thousands of them are now in Canada, many of whom came in the pioneer days of the Canadian West, to become, with their families, loyal Canadians, and good citizens of their new Homeland. With them, they brought their beautiful, treasured, old customs and festivals, as they have been celebrated during the centuries of their national life, so rich in meaning, symbolism, and form. These are joyously observed in all Ukrainian homes, for these people are especially fond of ceremonial, and reverent of tradition. Especially is this true of the two great Christian festivals of Christmas and Easter, which are always observed with the deepest reverence and symbolism, and entered into by every member of the family with a depth of feeling, and solemnity of realization of the true wonder of these times, which makes, by contrast, our often-too-casual observance of these sacred days something to be deplored.

That is one reason why these lovely Easter Eggs are so beautified, and so treasured. They are a symbol of happiness at the resurrection of Christ, and so, at Easter, the custom of presenting these eggs to one's friends has a very real meaning and value, and is very prevalent among Ukrainians everywhere. They are presented not only as a gift of art and beauty, but also as a sign of real regard and good wishes. Easter is a time of great beauty and happy celebration in every way, among Ukrainians. In the Greek Orthodox, which is in no way Roman Catholic, the form of service is much like the High Anglican, and so Lent is very faithfully kept, with meat never eaten on the Wednesdays and Fridays, and the whole three days of celebration are a great festival of worship and praise, with no commercializing of any kind, but in thankful remembrance of the Resurrection, and gratitude to God. Easter morning starts at sunrise, and at six o'clock in the morning everyone attends Easter Service in the Church, one of the longest services of the year, which lasts right through to ten o'clock.

There is always a special Easter bread, called "Paska", a symbolic round loaf, decorated with ornaments of dough around the top, and this the Ukrainian housewife likes to bake herself, although, now, some of the Ukrainian bakers make it too. It is a rich yeast loaf, containing raisins, ten eggs, and about a pound of butter. The Easter table is very pretty, with its two tall white candles alight; the Paska always in the centre; and a circle of the beautiful decorated Easter eggs surrounding it. Besides this, there is always baked ham, sausage, and other meats; cottage cheese, salt, butter in individual portions, with whole cloves making the cross on each, and, of course, eggs. All of these are traditional Easter foods, which are blessed, either at home or at the sunrise service.

At the family breakfast table on Easter Sunday morning, the father, or whoever is the head of the family, greets everyone with a joyous "Christ Has Risen", and wishes for his family health, happiness, and long life. This is the traditional Easter salutation, and the reply is the verification — "Yes, Christ Is Risen Indeed!" Grace is then said, and a boiled Easter Egg is sectioned, and given to each member of the family. All stand to eat their portion of the egg, at the same time wishing each other all good Easter wishes. After breakfast is over, the young folk get together to enjoy all kinds of special Easter games — a happy springtime carnival which includes folk dancing, singing, and merriment of every type. Special dances and songs are a must, and reflect in them the history of the Ukraine itself. And the next morning, Easter Monday, the boys go out in pairs to call at their girl friends homes for still another traditional custom — to pour clear water over the girls' hands. This is a remembrance of Pontius Pilate's washing of his hands to cleanse his soul of the guilt of condemning the innocent Jesus. Again, there is the beautiful salutation, "Christ Is Risen" — and again the reply, "Yes, He Is Risen Indeed!" And then, the girl rewards the man of her choice with the finest Easter Egg in her possession.

I know how painstaking is that care and artistry, because those who demonstrated their Craft at the Exhibition, are my friends, and they have shown me just how it is done, and what great depth of meaning is portrayed on those wonderful Ukrainian Easter Eggs. The Mother came from Ukrainia when she was eight years old, and learned the art of egg decorating from her mother, as she, herself has taught it to her own daughter. "In the old land," she told me, "every girl learns how to do this, and here, we want every girl to learn, so that they will treasure their own national craft. Of course, my own part of Ukrainia, the eastern, has long been Russian-occupied — all of Ukrainia has through the years suffered so much of partition and domination — we know what the Communists are! Ukrainia has lived through Communist horrors for centuries. We are all keenly interested in democracy — there are no Communists among those who have experienced Communism! They know what it is. Canadians cannot imagine it—they have never known such things!"

Just as in the Ukrainian embroideries, so, in the Easter Egg decorations are always found the characteristic figures and motifs of this ancient craft, which goes far back into antiquity — an entirely original and typically Ukrainian art. No other race makes Easter eggs such as these, though some have tried to copy them. In sections where geometric designs predominate in embroideries, so do they in the patterns and colourings of the Easter Eggs. In the Highlands, this is particularly true, and the definite influence on Easter Eggs originated in that district, shows up by giving to the egg an encircling band looking almost like embroidery. Many designs are taken from religious symbols, flowers, animals and constellations. In floral designs, the motifs are drawn to resemble natural flowers, leaves, and fruits. Geometric designs are the oldest, and best liked by Ukrainians themselves, but many florals are used also. Animal designs date back to the stone age — deer, horses, and goats, resembling the figures found on walls of old caves. Fish and baby chicks are used in various designs, but animals are never used alone — always combined with geometric or floral designs. These floral patterns mean strength, health, youth, and good fortune; the broken line, or unending line, means long life; a star means happiness and spring, and is used mainly as the major design. The cross is the symbol of Christianity, or God's blessing; the sun or moon, destroying all evil, giving protection; and the triangle, so often seen, symbolizes a threesome, such as water-fire-air, or earth-heaven-hell; the fine checkerboard, which is so fascinating to watch being done, is used to fill in the main design.

What a real thrill it was for me to watch an ordinary white egg becoming a thing of beauty under the amazing free-hand drawing done with the "kystka", the hollow pen which feeds the beeswax from the little pot heating over the fire; the intricate pattern evolving, each part receiving its coating of wax to protect that part of the pattern from the different colours, as applied from the jars of bright-coloured dyes! "Yes," laughed my young Ukrainian friend in answer to my amazement at the pattern growing so perfectly without any design at all to go by — nothing but the perfect symmetry of the free-hand drawings, "You must know, in your own mind, your pattern, and the colourings you want as you go along. It takes a steady hand, good nerves, and real concentration. It is a little hard on the eyes. You can't hurry it — must have patience." And Mother said, "Sometimes it takes all day to do an egg! Often we sit for hours and never say a word — we are so interested in our pattern. You cannot take your eyes from it. We use the eggs either raw or boiled, sometimes blown first, sometimes blown when the decoration is complete. No two eggs ever take the same shades. Those not too smooth take the dye best, and they should not be too white. Raw eggs dry out more quickly, but the boiled often ferment and break — your work has gone for nothing!"

The proper sequence used in colours for these Easter Eggs is yellow, green, orange, red, and black. Always the darkest shade last. Floral designs require black backgrounds; otherwise red is the usual background. Actually, the work is done on the same principle as batik, but, working on the delicate oval egg, great experience and expert workmanship are needed; steadiness of hand, and intense perseverance of mind. The outline of the design is drawn free-hand on the white egg with the "kystka", which is usually made at home, and dipped into hot melted beeswax, kept evenly heated. Beeswax is the only wax which may be used. "Writing the egg", this part of the craft is called.

Other parts of the egg, which are to remain white, are also covered with the wax, and the egg is then dipped in yellow dye, remaining until it is the desired shade. It must dry slowly after each dye-bath, and it should not be wiped. The parts which are to remain yellow, are then covered with beeswax. If green is desired for some special section, bright green dye is painted on after the egg has been dyed yellow. This, in turn, is covered with wax and then dipped into orange dye, following the same method with each additional colour. The wax-covered parts of the egg prevent any dye penetrating where it is not wanted. When all the design is completed, then the egg is placed in a warm oven and carefully watched. As the wax melts, it is wiped off, until all the wax is removed, and there is the finished and perfect Ukrainian Easter Egg — a true work of art indeed! "Your eye must be your ruler!" smiled my friend. To that I would add, "And your heart must be your guide!" How else could one find the innate artistry, the delicacy, yet firmness, of touch to create anything so beautiful and so fragile? No wonder the two handsome Ukrainian Easter Eggs, especially "created" for me a few years ago, are one of the treasures of my home, and brought out for renewed appreciation and admiration each Easter-tide!

THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Formed in Toronto in 1904, as an Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in its sixty years of activity, this Society has now grown to become the third largest of the 23 national Bible Societies of the world. Special services, meetings, publications, and a film, will highlight this important Anniversary of the Canadian Bible Society, of which the Rev. Kenneth G. McMillan, B. D., D. D., is the General Secretary.

On Tuesday, March 10th, 1964 a Sixtieth Anniversary Church Service will be held in Toronto when the Speaker will be the Very Reverend Angus J. MacQueen, B.A., B.D., D.D., Ll.D., Past Moderator of the United Church of Canada, and now the newly-appointed Minister of St. George's United Church, Toronto. Representatives of the major Protestant Churches will participate in the Service. An anniversary Luncheon will be held in Toronto on March 12th, when the Speaker will be Dr. Oliver Beguin, General Secretary of the United Bible Societies, of London, England.

A half-hour colour motion picture, "Cornerstone of a Nation", has been produced by the Rev. E. J. Heuer, the Society's Audio Visual Aids Production Secretary, and is available for showing. This film depicts the work of the Canadian Bible Society, from Newfoundland to British Columbia. In addition to this, a special Anniversary edition of the Gospel of St. John, is now available to Hospital Chaplains, prison workers, evangelistic workers, and others, and it is expected that some 100,000 copies of this will be distributed in 1964. The Very Reverend John McNab, M.A., B.D., D.D., a Past Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has prepared for distribution a Special Pamphlet, outlining the history of the Society in Canada. Dr. McNab is the author of several books, and a former Editor of "The Presbyterian Record".

The Society, for this Anniversary Year, has prepared a plan, on the basis of daily readings for each day of the year, which enables the reading of the entire Bible in one year. Adopting the theme "From Strength to Strength" for its 1964 Annual Report, in gratitude at having reached this Sixtieth Anniversary, the Society has pledged full support to the Campaign — "God's Word for a New Age", and has pledged to provide $600,000, as its contribution. This is a 50% increase over the current Overseas Budget of the Canadian Bible Society. From the 23 Bible Societies, the Campaign in 1964 will require a total of $4,500,000.

THE DRAMA OF LIFE!

From "THE CIRCLE OF TIME", by John MacBeath, D.D.

"Sunshine and shadow—these make the drama of Spring! Tears and laughter—these make the drama of life!

God sendeth sun; He sendeth shower;
Alike, they're needful for the flower:
And joy and tears alike are sent
To give the soul fit nourishment.

The Life that came from Nazareth, to be the Light of the World, took His full share of tears, for He knew the bitterest agonies that ever the stars looked down upon; and of the gladness of life, He was, and has ever been, the richest Giver. He taught men a comradeship that weeps with them that weep, and rejoices with them that rejoice. Life is always asking for two things—compassion and cheerfulness. Those who have these, have always something to give away that the world cannot do without!"

(Contributed by Mrs. Jessie Eaton, Orillia, Ont.)

IN A GARDEN

by MARJORIE CUNNINGHAM

There must be solace in a garden,
For our Lord went often there;
Mingling with the scent of lilies
Were His soft-breathed words of prayer.
When the dew was softly falling,
In the quiet of that place,
In its gentle benediction
He beheld His Father's face.

Once again, 'twas to a garden,
Where they took Him from the Cross,
Came the women, bearing spices,
Filled with sorrow and with loss.
In that garden's morning radiance
There they heard the Angel say
"Fear not ye! Your Lord has risen!
Jesus Christ is risen today!"

(Contributed)

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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KAMLOOPS — OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—Delegates from *Kamloops, Vernon* and *Armstrong* attended the Fourth Annual Presbyterian Women's Rally in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Vernon,* at which Miss Lily Simpson conducted Bible Study on the life of Paul, and gave an illustrated Address on our W.M.S. work in *India.* The President of *Vernon* W.M.S. Auxiliary told of her experience as an Army Wife in *India,* and her work among the Guide and Bluebird Packs, which contained girls of Mohammedan, Hindu, and Christian religions. To close the Rally, delegates divided into three Groups, each of which wrote a letter telling of the days' activities, which Miss Lily Simpson would deliver to *Prince George, Kitimat,* and *Prince* Rupert Rally delegates. This Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial is 900 miles in length, and by this week of Rallies, Miss Simpson was able to bring the scattered Auxiliaries into closer fellowship. Dinner, served at noon, had an Eastern flavour, with Indian food, rice and curry, and other Malayan delicacies.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — At the Christmas Meeting of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* Special Guests were the Presidents of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary; the Women's Guild Groups; the Leaders of the C.G.I.T. and Explorer Groups. Miss Elizabeth Wilson gave the inspirational Devotional Period, and the rest of the evening was given over to a time of games and fellowship.

The Secretary for Afternoon Groups on Victoria Presbyterial reports a new Affiliated W.M.S. Ladies Aid Group in Knox Presbyterian Church, Victoria, which was organized by the Deaconess, Miss Winnifred Ripley. This is Miss Ripley's Home Church.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. Stanley Edgecombe was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster.* Mrs. Edgecombe told of her many years of Missionary service in *China,* and told of the need of the Chinese people for our help when they come to *Canada,* in search of peace and a home.

When the three Women's Groups of the West Point Grey Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* held their joint Thank-Offering Meeting, Mrs. Victor Guerin, Past Chief of the Musqueom Indian Band, was Guest Speaker, and presented a vivid picture of her people — their needs, shortcomings, and the challenge they offer to the Christian Community. Speaking of the new Indian Friendship Centre, which her people hope to start soon in *Vancouver,* she asked for the prayers and support of our Church.

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EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Rev. Gabor Dezse, minister of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* was the interesting Guest Speaker at a recent meeting of the Senior W. M. S. Group at First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton.*

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — The Semi-Annual Meeting of *Alberta* Synodical was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lethbridge,* and on the first evening, members attended the Opening of Synod, when the Rev. C. P. McKinnon, Synod Moderator, spoke on "The Christian's Ministry". Mrs. R. L. Taylor, *Medicine Hat,* Synodical Supply Secretary, gave the Opening Devotional, and, in addition to members, three visitors were present; also Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, and Miss Emily Drysdale, Deaconess, *Red Deer.* Encouraging Reports were given by all Presbyterial Secretaries, and helpful ideas discussed.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — The *Dawson Creek* Presbyterian Women of St. James Presbyterian Church, Dawson Creek, who are also a Federated Group of the *Dawson Creek* Local Council of Women, held their Opening Fall Meeting at the home of President, Mrs. R. O. Grieve. Mrs. C. Kits reported the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto.* The Bible Study for the year will be the Book of John, conducted by the Rev. P. McKinnon.

The Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of Munro Presbyterian Church, *Blueberry Mountain,* opened with the repeating of the Aim and Purpose of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and this was followed by one minute of silent prayer, in memory of the late Mrs. T. Mollinga, a faithful member of many years. Miss Barbara Ash gave an enthusiastic report of the Training Centre in *Regina,* and its great value.

The Bi-Annual Meeting of Peace River Presbyterial was held in Zion Presbyterian Church, *Chetwynd, British Columbia,* with the Theme, "The Fruit of the Spirit is Love." The highlight of the Afternoon was the Home Movies taken by the Rev. Murray L. Garvin of *Formosa.*

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Innisfail,* Miss Emily Drysdale, Deaconess, showed the film-strip, "The Healer Comes to the Village", and gave a talk on *India.* Members participated in the Worship Service, and a Social Hour followed.

In November, 40 Leaders of C. O. C.; Explorers; and C. G. I. T. Groups; of Red Deer Presbyterial, met in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* for a Work Shop. "Missions in *India*" was the Study topic; Mr. Lal Saberival, of *Innisfail* spoke on *India*; and a film was shown. Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary also attended.

The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* with 41 members registered from *Rocky Mountain House; Sylvan Lake; Eckville; Willowdale; Valley Centre; Red Deer; Innisfail; Olds;* and *Carstairs.* Miss Emily Drysdale, Deaconess, and Mrs. George Cunningham, led the Devotional; Mrs. C. J. Puzey, Mrs. R. Day, and Miss Emily Drysdale, reported on Church Camps. More interest and support was urged for the increasing of Camp attendance. Mrs. A. Prince, *Valley Centre* and Mrs. R. Day, delegates to the W. M. S. Training Centre, *Regina,* gave excellent reports. Much valuable practical training in leadership was given and the Theme, "The Vocation of a Christian", was well presented. Tea was served.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERY — This Presbyterial held a well-attended Rally in *Swift Current,* with members present from *Weyburn, Moose Jaw, Swift Current,* and *Pambrun.* The Theme was "In His Name", and an especially interesting Roll Call was answered by "an item of interest from the oldest Glad Tidings magazine in the possession of any Group." Mrs. T. D. Moir, of *Moose Jaw,* reported the Annual Council Meeting held last year in *Toronto,* and graphically stressed the interest and fellowship of the Meetings. A splendid Book Display from the Publications Department was shown by Mrs. D. Cunningham, Presbyterial Literature Secretary, who also reviewed some of the books on display. Following Luncheon, the Rev. I. R. McKee spoke briefly.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Friendship Circle, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* met together for their Thank-Offering Meeting, when the Presidents of both Groups shared in leading the Worship Service as given in the October "Glad Tidings". Six members sang the "Hymn of Thanksgiving". Mrs. C. R. Townsend's Report of the W.M.S. Training Centre, held in *Regina,* was the highlight of the meeting, as she told of the four days spent in worship, showed slides of activities and people. Presbyterial Literature Secretary, Mrs. D. Cunningham, showed an interesting Display of Books, and also took many orders for the attractive Souvenir Anniversary Spoons. A Social Hour over refreshments followed.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Georgina Bone, former Regional Secretary and now teaching school in *Saskatoon,* was Guest Speaker, when the three W.M.S. Auxiliaries in *Prince Albert* held their joint Thank-Offering Meeting. Mrs. R. Wyllie, former Deaconess, and a member of the Lucy Baker W.M.S. Auxiliary, conducted the Thanksgiving Service of Worship from "The Glad Tidings", and others taking part were Miss Isabel Nivet, of the Christina Mills W.M.S. Auxiliary, and Mrs. M. G. MacKay, of the James Nisbet W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. G. A. Johnston, a former classmate at Ewart College, *Toronto,* introduced Miss Bone, and Miss Isabelle M. Bailey, of *Clouston,* President of Saskatchewan Synodical, presented the appreciative thanks of the Meeting.

Sponsored by the Canadian Government, to lecture in the schools on Canadian Life and Culture, Miss Bone spent the past year in the *British Isles,* and during this time was able to make side trips to the *Continent,* as well as visiting *Moscow* and the *Holy Land.* Her Address on "The Holy Land" was illustrated with beautiful coloured slides of the land and the people. The many members present felt as though visiting the Holy Land themselves, and certainly many Scripture passages took on new meaning as they viewed the actual scenes where these events took place.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent meeting of the W.M.S Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* Mrs. Ross Downey reported the shipment of books sent to the Rev. Stephen How, for use of the Canadian Indians on the *Mistawasis Reserve.* A number of members of this Auxiliary have motored to the Reserve this Fall to join in the Morning Worship Service there, and have enjoyed a time of fellowship following the Service, before leaving for home again.

Mr. Mahabala, of *India,* presently studying at the University of *Saskatchewan,* was a guest of the Parkview C.G.I.T. Group recently, when he showed pictures of *India,* and told the girls something of the country and it's people.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* Mrs. A. Lyons, a member of this congregation, and Social Worker for the *Saskatchewan* Branch, Canadian Cancer Society, was Guest Speaker. She outlined the work of this Society in research, education, and service to patients, and told of her own participation as the Social Worker. Mrs. G. Brent, Explorer Leader, led the Worship Service.

Mrs. M. Muth directed the Teen-Age Girls' Rally for Saskatoon Presbyterial, which was held in *North Battleford,* when an interesting and comprehensive report of the North American Reformed and Presbyterian Youth Assembly, held in *Indiana, U.S.*A. last July, was given by Miss Evelyn Murdoch, Mrs. E. Holmgren, Misses Linda Vandale, Christine Manning, and Linda Scott. All felt that the Lectures, Discussions, and fellowship of this international Rally had been a most worth-while and rewarding experience.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Rev. Malcolm A. McCuaig, B.A., of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Southminster* Presbyterian Church spoke on "The House of Many Mansions". Mrs. J. A. Andrews, of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* led the Devotional Period, and the Rev. Stephen Hayes, of *Southminster,* was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Nat McMaster. Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, President, conducted the Meeting, with Mrs. Sarah Graham and Mrs. George Lepard, taking part. At the Social hour following, refreshments were served by Mrs. Jack Topp, Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Ernest Anderson; Mrs. James Unter, Mrs. R. W. Lampkin, and Mrs. Jessie Elder.

At a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Portage-la-Prairie,* a Life Membership and Pin were presented to Mrs. W. H. Vopni, by Mrs. W. Oliver and Mrs. P. Ross, on behalf of the Auxiliary. This presentation was the result of a gift of money from a bequest made, for this purpose, to this Auxiliary, by the late Mrs. W. Dunsmore, a devoted member of this Auxiliary for many years.

A Boys' Choir from the Chapel of St. Barbara, *Shilo,* directed by Mrs. M. Keenan, sang two special hymns at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Guild, of Zion Presbyterian Church, *Wellwood.* President, Mrs. W. C. Caithness, presided and visitors were present from *Carberry, Shilo, Fairview, Gladstone,* and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hammond, of *Winnipeg.* Mrs. David Kidd (Beth Graham) gave an illustrated Address on her nine-weeks visit to *Nigeria,* as a member of the Medical Unit of Operation Cross-Roads Africa. An interesting account of her experiences at the N.A.R.P.Y.A. Conference in *LaFayette, Indiana,* was given by Miss Dorothy Turner.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* entertained the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary at a "Pot Luck Supper" Meeting, held in the Church Sunday School Auditorium, under the convenership of the Programme Committee. At the conclusion of the Supper, all retired to the Church

Sanctuary where Mrs. Clarke Hood, wife of the Minister, conducted a Candle-Lighting Service, assisted by Mrs. M. Fidler, Mrs. I. Mitchell, and Mrs. M. Spidell. President, Mrs. Comba, expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Senior Auxiliary, and President, Miss M. Campbell, of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, responded. The Rev. Clarke Hood, and the Church Organist, Mr. A. A. Bolt, also attended, as did Ellen and James Hood.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William* and the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church, lost a well-loved and valuable member in the recent death of Mrs. James (Isabelle) Gibbs, who came to *Fort William* from *Scotland* in 1914. She was a Past President, of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church; an Honorary Member of the W.M.S.; and Press Secretary of her Auxiliary at the time of her death. She held various Offices during the years, both in the Synodical and the Presbyterial, and was also a member of the Women's Guild. Deepest sympathy is expressed to her husband, and her three daughters — Mrs. Harcourt Johnston; Dorothy, at home; and Isabelle, with the Presbyterian Publications in *Toronto*.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — At their December Meeting, the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* presented a Life Membership Certificate and pin to Mrs. A. Hansuld, a faithful and valued member of many years standing. The presentation of the Life Membership was made by Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones, and Mrs. George Williamson presented the Pin.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND — The 75th Anniversary of the Hannah-Reith W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Tara,* was celebrated by a "Family Night," for which invitations in verse, written by Mrs. Rex Kennedy, were sent to every member of the congregation. President, Mrs. Stuart Byers, presided and conducted the Worship Service. The C.O.C. and Y.P.S. took part in the Programme, and greetings were received from all the Church Organizations. The Minister of the Church spoke on "Seventy and Five Years Old", using Genesis 12:4 as his text, and a favourite hymn of the late Dr. Peter Reith, a beloved Pastor, brought the Service to a close. The Anniversary Cake, made by Mrs. J. T. Hall, in the shape of the W.M.S. Crest, and iced in blue and white, was cut by two Senior Auxiliary members, Mrs. M. V. Armstrong and Mrs. J. Berry. Mrs. Gordon Cunningham read the Auxiliary History, and congratulatory messages were read from Council, Synodical, and Presbyterial.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* celebrated its 30th Anniversary with President, Mrs. E. Provins, presiding, and the Rev. R. Milroy, B.D., the Guest Speaker. Mrs. John Newstead was Soloist, and also cut the Birthday Cake. Mrs. Breedenridge was presented with a Life Membership, by the Auxiliary, in memory of her Aunt, Miss Johnston, a former Deaconess.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* received, at a recent meeting, a special Gift of Twenty-Five Dollars from the Misses M. E. and H. C. Stewart, daughters of the late Mrs. Mary (Cal) Stewart, in memory of their Mother, who was a member of the first Young Women's Mission Band of Knox Presbyterian Church — one of the oldest Presbyterian Churches in *Toronto.*

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial, and also Guelph Presbytery, heard comprehensive Reports from those attending the Reformed Presbyterian Youth Assembly at Perdue University, *Indiana, U.S.A.,* last July. Miss Ruth Young, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fergus,* explained the reason for this Conference; Mrs. F. Phillips, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Galt,* gave the Worship Service on the Theme, "Come Creator Spirit"; and Mr. K. McPherson, of *Galt,* gave the Opening Lecture of the Conference, "Is God Alive?" Miss Caroline Wright, Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Guelph,* led a Panel Discussion summing up facts and impressions of the Conference. Discussion Groups followed, with Co-Leaders the Rev. and Mrs. W. Young, of *Fergus;* Miss Nancy Wilson, *Fergus;* the Rev. C. Hastings, Guelph; the Rev. C. D. Farris, *Galt;* Mrs. L. Barkwell, *Galt;* David Phillips, and William Garvie, both of *Galt.*

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—President, Mrs. H. B. McInnis presided at the 10th Anniversary Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Cook's Presbyterian Church, *Markdale,* when the Rev. Harold Colvin gave the Anniversary Address, and Miss Kathryn O'Flaherty sang twice. The Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. Alvin Foster, assisted by Mrs. Herb Timmins; Mrs. Harold Colvin and Mrs. V. Neithercut. The Auxiliary History was given by Mrs. J. Crawford, and the Anniversary Cake was cut by the President.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. John Bower, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Mary Whale Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Erindale Presbyterian Church, *Cooksville,* when Miss Beatrice Scott, Guest Speaker, told of the W.M.S. Work in *India.* Others assisting were Mrs. George Bell; Mrs. Bruce West; Mrs. Leslie Adair; Mrs. John Ford; Mrs. Donald Ferguson; Mrs. Charles Lindsay, and Mrs. Jack Williams.

The Rev. Earle E. Roberts, on furlough from *Nigeria,* was Guest

Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Port Credit*.

"Family Night" in Runnymede Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* took on a deeper significance when the Programme was performed entirely by the Youth of the Church. Planned to emphasize the Scriptures, and the Missionary Work of the Church, special features included the story of Zacchaeus, told by a group of young children; another Group, depicting Formosan children, told of how Miss Hermanson had influenced their lives; the Teenage Bible Class presented a Bible Quiz on St. Mark's Gospel, The Children's Choir of the Church sang twice; the newly-formed Band played several Hymns; and the Young Peoples Society Choir sang two Anthems. Well over 100 drawings, entered in the Children's Religious Art Contest, hung on the walls, having been judged by two capable Art Critics and suitable prizes awarded. These will be forwarded to the Presbyterial. Parents and children of the Church filled the Church Hall to capacity, and it is felt that tremendous interest and benefit was derived from this "Family Night," and its accent on Youth.

In *Weston* Presbyterian Church, the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the Owaissa W.M.S. Group and the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, was held in Creelman Hall, when Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Children's Work Secretary on Council Executive, and a member of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, was Guest Speaker. She showed slides of her recent trip to *Edmonton* and *Dawson Creek,* and displayed handwork done by Eskimos in *Edmonton* Hospital, and also some of the handicraft of the Indian pupils at Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School, in *Kenora,* which she also visited. Much interest was shown in her plans for the Children's Art Exhibit to be on view at the Anniversaries Celebrations in *Montreal* next May. Mrs. Isobel Bridgman, of the Owaissa Group, sang twice, accompanied by Miss Beth Barron, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Beckley.

The Rev. James Lawson, M.A., recently of St. Colombo Church, *London, England,* and now Director of Christian Education at Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* installed the 1964 Executive of the Janet Geggie W.M.S. Auxiliary of Parkdale Presbyterian Church and spoke on "The New Year — And Stock-Taking" at their first Meeting of the New Year. Officers are Honorary President, Mrs. H. S. Evans; President, Mrs. O. J. Davies; Vice-Presidents Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry and Mrs. D. A. Mowat; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Cowan. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry presided, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. T. P. Geggie. Mrs. W. R. Henderson, and Mrs. R. P. McLean. Mrs. H. S. Evans and Mrs. Wm. Inglis welcomed members and Mrs. Wright was Pianist. At the Social Hour following, Miss Ethel Brown presided at the tea-urn, and members of the Executive served refreshments.

A loyal worker in Victoria Presbyterian Church, *Toronto* for many years, and a resident of *Toronto* for more than fifty years, Mrs. Margaret E. Garner died recently in *Port Colbourne, Ontario,* in her 102nd year. She was an Honorary Member of the W.M.S. and a steadfast worker in her own Auxiliary through the years; a devoted member of Victoria Presbyterian Church; a beloved member of the Runnymede Travel Club, and a Charter member of the Quaker Road Women's Institute. She leaves a fragrant memory with all who knew her, and her influence will live on.

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MONTREAL PRESBYTERY — At the Christmas Meeting of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Ephraim Scott Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* two sisters, who are Charter Members of this Auxiliary, the Misses Edith and Frances MacLennan, were each presented with a Life Membership Certificate and Pin, in recognition of their faithful services throughout the years as President, Treasurer, and Welcome and Welfare Secretary. Mrs. Dorothy Playford, a dedicated Leader of C.G.I.T.; C.O.C.; and Explorer Groups, for several years, was presented with a book, as a token of appreciation from the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries. Mrs. Playford's three daughters are now members of the Young Women's W.M.S. Auxiliary of this congregation. Miss Doris Blaise is President of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary.

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How tranquil, and how lovely, lies
The mirrored lake, neath April skies!
In new green beauty, the old hills rise;
God's world awakes to Spring's sweet surprise!
(L.M.C.)

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LETTER FROM A WORK CAMP!

(If you read the Article, "An Experiment in Community Life Under Christian Discipline", last year, you will have noticed the name of Claire Taylor of Weston, Ontario, listed as one of the young people from North America, who formed the Group of Workers at the Ecumenical Work Camp in Kenya. Miss Taylor, who has now returned to Canada, is the niece of our own Children's Department Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, of Weston, Ontario, and Mrs. Taylor has kindly permitted us to publish one of Claire's letters from Kenya, which gives vivid glimpses of the sort of work these enthusiastic young volunteers do, and the people and country in which they work. Eleven hundred such young people from 55 Nations took part in these Work Camps in 1963, forming 49 Ecumenical Camps in 29 countries, including Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. Started in 1946, over 23,000 young people participated in some 554 camps. Claire Taylor was one of them.)

Work Camp, Nairobi,
Kenya, East Africa.

Dear Aunt Dot:—

Here we are, 105 feet above sea level, with the equatorial sunshine very hot and bright from morning till mid-afternoon, when a breeze comes, and continues until evening, then, in an instant, the sun vanishes in an explosion of lurid colour. Tanaland is full of these surprises and contrasts.

In these surroundings, where it can be blazing hot one minute and a deluge of rain the next; where an airplane lands on a barren air-strip in the brush; or where a Church bell, hung from a tree, rings to its people; one soon becomes aware of anachronisms and contradictions. The fascinating feature of Mombasa, Tanaland, Nairobi, and Campala, as I've seen them, is the people — the many varieties who live here, and the tongues which are spoken. You can hear Arabic, English, Swahili, Orma, Pokoma, Kekuyu, and others I couldn't guess. There are also the different ways of life amongst tribes — different cultures, thoughts, clothing, religion, physical characteristics. For instance, the tall Orma (Galla) herdsman, with his handsome features, contrasts strongly with the short, stocky, slow-moving Pokomo farmer who lives beside him.

Today was a typical day's work here — beginning at seven we "plastered" until eleven. Plaster, in this country means anything, from mud, to sand, to cement wash. It is a challenge to get the plaster (sand, topsoil and water) where you want it, to sling it just the right way to make it stick! When we cement-washed the exterior walls two days ago, we ran out of water, and since the local truck was busy, we helped roll three oil drums to the river, a quarter-mile away, and over a winding foot path. The river bank being eight or nine feet high, and straight down, we passed water up by buckets and filled the drums pail by pail—even a few fish went along! This was easy, but rolling those drums up to the school was really *something!*

After tea, around four o'clock, I walked down to the river again. The village boys raced by through the long grass and rough ground on bare, cracked feet, and, unwrapping their sheets, plunged into the river—almost the same colour as they. Sitting under a mango tree, I watched all eight of them swimming and diving like ducks into the depths. Down the pathway, women moved gracefully with their "pasho" (dishes) carried on their heads. These they washed in the river, using sand for cleaner, and taking their time. Then home they went with their pans full of water. Staple food here is corn flour and water. Coming and going on the river were men alone, or with families, in the dug-out, mango-trunk boats, looking somewhat like half a peanut shell. Some carried sugarcane, bananas, fish, or pumpkins, and always a "pongo" — big curved knife, used for everything — and a spear

Walking through Loza, the Arab centre was most interesting, the people sitting near the door of their thatched-roofed, unfinished mud homes — some homes proudly finished, some half-done, some just in the making — a disorganized grouping of small brown houses. But no matter the homes — the people were the interest! I went over to investigate a group of boys and girls sitting on the ground in a circle, and found some figures and symbols written in the sand. These boys in skull caps didn't go to school. Many Moslem children do not, as schools are Western, and since the West brought Christianity, the parents fear their children might become Christian. I finished the figures up to ten, they counted, and we went on. The boys were interested and eager; the girls giggled, as little girls do, the world over.

Farther on, two women sat on their grass mats, weaving long strips from dried and dressed palm branches; the work was well done, with an interesting design in two shades of straw. Nearby, a tiny baby sat on a mat, playing happily with a dead fish on a sandy enamel plate. All Moslem children have little one-inch-square bags tied around their necks, arm, or leg, inside of which will be perhaps, an herb, a message, or some object, meant to ensure health; wealth, happiness, or any wish. Of course bracelets, necklaces, and earrings are worn too, and often in the side of the nose, a jewel is "planted." Down by the river's edge, suddenly the sand of the village changed to green vegetation, where cocoanut palms, banana trees, and rice, are thriving, and a little farther on, the cacti bloom in glorious colour in the sand, but soon we must leave behind the fresh river breeze, and the restful green world, as well.

From Nairobi, we had a crowded, hot, but happy journey to Mombasa, a great contrast to the modern Nairobi we left behind us. Eight of us, luggage and camp cots, rode in a Volkswagen truck for 320 miles and from 5,000 to 20,000 feet above sea level. We saw many giraffe, herds of elephants, baboon, guinea fowl, and zebra. One could write a book about the streets of Mombasa — all little shops, sidewalk fruit and vegetable markets; dry goods all spread out for the day, with colourful scarves and gay bits of material hanging about. And people always swarming by! Very few white people; Arabs, who have trade in their own hands; the African, who is "the hired man"; many Moslems, in long black robes from foot to eyes; the beautiful silks of the Arab women's robes flowing through the streets; the little man with a tall brass coffee pot in one hand, and in the other a little pail of water and cups — so he earns his living!

Our Ecumenical Camp Centre is situated right on the Indian Ocean, and if you want a hot bath in the hot sun on a humid day — here you have it! This Camp, with its three buildings, was built last year by Crossroads African Campers, and here the last four Campers of our Group joined us. Now we are all together for the first time. From here we went some 150 miles up the Tana River to Hola, now known as Galola. Our job here is to build a school, three rooms, each 25 feet square. We now have the poles up for the walls, and have them basket-woven, and this morning we worked on the roof. Next, we hammered rocks into gravel, and this is for the floors, which will be of concrete. The Christian Council of Kenya is buying tin for the roof. No doors, or window casings to worry about — no windows — just holes in the walls!

The natives here can't accept, or believe, that white people do labour work! Today, we started mudding — we mixed water and earth by tramping it in the hole from which the earth had been dug. When it was the consistency of dough, we formed a chain, passing the big balls of mud down the line to the building. The local boys helped us, and we added mud and stones to the basket-woven walls. Now we have one end, and one side, almost done. This is the first of three times we add mud. The rains have now come. For a short time, about four every afternoon, the rain pours down, then the sun shines again, and the sandy soil is soon dry. Our evenings are spent in discussion, lectures, and Bible Study — the one to be used at the "All Africa Youth Assembly," at Christmas time, and this relates the Bible and Africa.

After the New Year, we all worked together at this "All African Youth Assembly" in Nairobi. I have been in the office looking after the speeches coming in to be duplicated; seeing that translations are being done and trying to work patiently with African boys who are running the duplicating machines. These young people do lack background in working! We never fully realize how much we learn from our homes, our people, and community attitudes, our working and living habits— everyone, and everything, has an influence somehow. These boys have come right out of the Stone Age into the Twentieth Century. The tribe at Hola has no arts or crafts, as far as I can see. Their beads come from the Arab stores, as well as the sheets which make their "dress." Their farming is poor too. Certainly education is the number one need. Men come here and camp, go out in their motor boats to shoot crocodiles. After about three "hunts" they might have 20 crocodiles to take back and sell. We went over to see one of their catches — a six-footer, which is not considered so large. Sometimes they find bracelets and earrings inside these creatures — children have been reported missing while swimming. Incidentally, we don't go swimming! Each evening as I walk home, I think of the refreshing Canadian air; the sparkle of snow; the crispy frost; and the cosy atmosphere that comes with closed doors, stoves, and warm clothing — however, the long summers here are wonderful too. As always, Claire.

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PRAYER

by MISS SHEILA STEPHENS

Deaconess, Presbytery of Hamilton, Ont.

Our heavenly Father, we lift our hearts and thoughts to Thee in praise. We approach Thee, through the mediation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ: Lord of Lords, King of Kings.

We thank Thee, gracious Father, for the unspeakable gift of Lord Jesus Christ. We confess Him to be our Risen Saviour, we thank Thee for His ministry of healing, preaching, teaching. We thank Thee for His sacrifice for our salvation, and for His resurrection to Thy right hand.

Our Father, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy Holy Spirit. We pray, that Thy Holy Spirit, will aid us to keep in tune with Thy will for us, and for this Thy world. Father we thank Thee, that in every relationship Thy Holy Spirit is present.

Father we thank Thee, for placing us in families: nourished by love, trust and understanding. We thank Thee for the strengthening and uplifting of thoughts and personality, through the fellowship of friends. We thank Thee for the sights and sounds and beauty of this, Thy world. We thank Thee, for each morning, with its joys, heartaches, and responsibilities. We thank Thee for the night, of laughter, and quietness, and sharing.

Our Father we ask Thee to forgive what we have said, and done, and thought, that is interfering with our relationship with Thyself. We ask Thy forgiveness for the times we have not been willing to be used by Thee. Forgive us when we have desired to stand alone. Forgive us when we have whimpered at the weight of another's dependence on us. Forgive us when we have wasted opportunities to witness for Jesus Christ. We pray that in Thy mercy and power, Thou would blot out our transgressions. Cast us not away from Thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Joy, hope, and peace are within us now, dear Father.

Our Father, we pray for the aged; the new Christian; the graduate; the handicapped; the immigrant; the lonely; the mentally sick; the physically sick; the traveller whose thoughts are ever at home, but duties elsewhere; the unemployed; those who work beneath the earth, upon the seas, in the air, and in space.

Father, we ask Thee to help us to be a comfort to those in need at home, and around the world; strong-shouldered and sympathetic to those in sorrow; attentive and understanding to those burdened with guilt; calm and sensitive to those in trouble.

All these our prayers we offer in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KEEP THESE DATES !

May 8-9-10, 1964

The Anniversaries Celebration — the 100th Anniversary
and the 50th Anniversary
in Montreal, Quebec
at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

May 11-12, 1964

The Annual Meeting of Council

Brief Business Meeting, immediately following
close of Anniversaries Celebration,
at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

Theme — "The World For Christ"

THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. PAUL

The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul occupies a commanding site on Sherbrooke Street in the heart of metropolitan Montreal. The first St. Andrew's Church in Montreal was organized in 1803, and the first St. Paul's Church in 1832. The two congregations united in 1918. The present Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul was dedicated in 1932, during the ministry of the late Rev. George H. Donald, M.A., D.D. Reminiscent of Gothic Churches of earlier times, the Church, with its adjoining Church House, was designed to meet the requirements of today. In recent years, the Church has attracted much attention because of its beautiful stained-glass windows — especially The Black Watch Memorial Window in the chancel, and the new Clerestory Memorial Windows in the nave, designed by Lawrence Lee, of Coventry Cathedral fame. The Church is the Regimental Church of The Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canada, and has been the scene of many notable Services across the years. Of particular interest was a Service held in June, 1962, when Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, was present.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. PAUL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — 1963

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (W.D.)
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Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
for the year ended 31st December, 1963

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:		
Synodical givings:		
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Alberta	13,523.49	
Saskatchewan	9,019.07	
Manitoba	12,400.89	
Hamilton and London	116,549.35	
Toronto and Kingston	129,349.33	
Montreal and Ottawa	54,278.81	
		$349,925.94
Individual Gifts	13,040.57	
Less Individual gifts held for 1964	2,545.30	
		10,495.27
Church assessment for Indian work in Canada		990.00
Interest		570.33
		$361,981.54
DISBURSEMENTS:		
National	$113,934.28	
Overseas	149,117.94	
Organization	45,309.26	
Publications	23,286.51	
Administration	27,665.33	
Christian Literature	7,622.00	
Students	2,275.00	
Council Meeting	5,330.25	
General Contingency	543.44	

Insurance and taxes	793.32	
Visual Education	1,000.00	
Grants	2,310.00	
Synodical Grants	1,185.00	
Medical Insurance for Staff	2,416.25	
Payments from Special Gifts	6,109.14	
		$388,897.72

SUPPLY FUND

RECEIPTS:

Capital at beginning of year		$2,475.96
Synodicals:		
British Columbia	$ 704.15	
Alberta	744.19	
Saskatchewan	527.45	
Manitoba	589.85	
Hamilton and London	5,871.51	
Toronto and Kingston	6,463.04	
Montreal and Ottawa	2,854.35	
		17,754.54
		$20,230.50

(Mrs. G. R.) Ruth E. Pye,
Acting Treasurer.

ATTENTION — W.M.S. MEMBERS

It will be noted from the above statement that the final project for our Anniversary Year — 'To Enter 1964 Free of Debt' — has not been attained.

Our deficit for 1963 is $26,916.18.

It is hoped that between now and May 8th to 10th, when we meet in Montreal, we will all put forth an extra effort, so that we may start the second 100 years having reached the goal we set for ourselves for 1964.

Will you help to make it possible?

TIBETAN REFUGEE CHILDREN COME TO JHANSI

by MISS EDITH MAGEE, B.A.

Jhansi Field, India

(Miss Magee is home on furlough and is doing deputation in Western Canada.)

Under what circumstances has come, quite unsought, this sudden responsibility for twenty children of Buddhist parentage? We in India, though so much closer to events, have been only in degree less ignorant than the rest of the world as to the facts of Tibet's "liberation" by Communist China.

The August 1958 Manifesto to the United Nations records: "To us Tibetans the phrase 'the liberation of Tibet' . . . is a deadly mockery . . . we are subjected to untold cruelty. The people of Eastern Tibet revolted against the Chinese in February 1956. These spontaneous uprisings brought about further repression by the conquerors. . . Life in all parts of Tibet has become unbearable."

As their spokesman to the world, the fighting Tibetan leaders sent to India a Christian missionary, George N. Patterson. In his book "Tragic Destiny", first published in 1959, are given details of the tactics of Communist troops, along with some three million "colonizers". First all opposition was eliminated in centres of population, with the help of poisonous gas and high explosive bombing. Remaining, able-bodied Tibetan fighters withdrew to the higher mountains, their one unique advantage being the ability to breathe without gasping, at an average altitude of 15,000 feet. Then began the Communist "programme of complete absorption, every village being forced to house and feed half the number of its previous inhabitants in Chinese settlers, and

Miss Magee

being forced to mate with them in the plan of mass 'Hanisation'."

Though outnumbered, the Tibetan freedom fighters took such toll as to force the Communists to bring in reinforcements by tens of thousands. The Eastern Tibetans "in addition to their natural fighting qualities had nothing more to live for — homes were gone, lands confiscated, their herds slaughtered, their parents, wives and children either killed, raped or starving — all that was left to them were the horses they rode, the guns they carried, and a raging thirst for revenge against a hated enemy."

"Poor Tibetans!" wrote Patterson, in frustration, as he failed to find even moral support for his friends, let alone the ammunition which was all they asked. "No one had ever told them about 'real-politik'. They still believed in British justice, United Nations principles, American anti-Communism, and Indian moral indignation".

Up to the present, resistance continues, the resisters killing and being killed in numbers, "not including the old men, women and children who are throwing themselves into the rivers . . .—a death preferable to that of 'liberation'. And, up to the present, refugees are reaching India's northern borders. Strangely enough, they come during the winter, down from the high snowbound passes and bitter Himalayan winds". Fairness demands, before leaving this sketch of Tibet's 'liberation', to record that all the occupation forces were not inhuman. It is known that at least 5,000 of their number have suffered arrest, because their sympathy for the Tibetans forced them to protest the official 'line'.

Who can say how much will count — for eternity — the concern of the few? As well as George Patterson, with his colleague Geoffrey Bull ("When Iron Gates Yield"), who were in Eastern Tibet at the start of Communist invasion —mostly women. These were kept informed, some knowing the language and having contact, as they did what they could for refugees. The Free Church of Finland, whose pioneers in the Himalayas had translated the Scriptures and awaited for almost one hundred years the opening of that closed land of Tibet, still had their few faithful.

So the Dalai Lama, given asylum in North India, appealed to the few in his desperate need. His Christian friends were asked to help with the education of refugee children. A Committee was set up and the appeal brought to Christian schools through the Evangelical Fellowship of India. By October 1963, of the 1,500 needy children, 150 had been given places in hill schools, as well as a smaller number on the plains. Word has come of a further urgent request for 500 more of these refugee children.

Not all helping have been representing the Church's outreach. A young student couple from the University of British Columbia recently spent seven months near the Tibetan border. Mrs. Sam Perry reports: "We saw swarms of children . . . all suffering from various forms of malnutrition and hundreds of skin sores. There were kids with everything from measles to T.B. The young refugees sometimes arrived . . . with their clothes in tatters. There was no bedding . . . They were very good about sharing their clothes, and they slept in large heaps to keep warm. But at first it was all we could do . . . to see that the children did not die."

Mrs. Perry's first child was born in India, before return to Canada, "$2,000.00 poorer". Now the young husband does what he can to raise support for his Tibetan "children"; while Mrs. Perry wonders "how people can allow as much misery" as she has seen. "You feel so helpless", she is reported in conclusion. "In the face of famine and flood, one can do welfare and feel fulfilled. . . But this misery, and miseries all over the world, have been caused by people. You wonder where it is all going to stop."

"For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord. . ." (I Cor. 2:16—Amp. N.T.) Again perhaps, in the circumstances of this unexpected and strange coming of Tibetan children, "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty". (I Cor. 1:27).

THE BESSIE MacMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

The Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund as of February 18th, 1964 is $5,344.73.

We have just received word from the Acting Director of the Graduate School that plans are under way for Miss Shila Patras' travel to Canada. There are still several matters to clear, but Miss Patras' coming is becoming more of a reality to us.

We were encouraged recently to receive a letter from Miss Edna Meader, Secretary of the 1953 class of University of Western Ontario School of Nursing. She enclosed a copy of a letter sent to the class. Miss Meader, herself a Missionary of the United Church working in Western Canada, has encouraged us greatly in her personal support of this fund.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800; 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

You — and your Adult Group

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

. . . Programme Planning

by MISS MAY NUTT

Assistant in the Adult Department

DO YOU THINK THIS IS A STRANGE TIME OF YEAR TO TALK ABOUT PROGRAMME PLANNING?

No! Any time of the year is an appropriate time to talk about Programme Planning, because Programme Planning is an on-going process . . . it doesn't stop with the first planning session, but continues all year long.

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU CALL PROGRAMME?

Programme is anything that takes place while the women are together in the Group, from the time the first woman walks in, until the last cup of tea is finished. Yes, even the refreshments are part of the Programme.

DO YOU THINK A PROGRAMME COMMITTEE HAS AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN A GROUP?

Yes! The atmosphere of a Group is vitally affected by the manner in which a Programme is planned, and the enthusiasm with which it is presented. So the Programme Committee has a key position in the Group.

WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE?

Part of the Programme Committee's job is to outline the meetings for a year. In setting down their plan, the Committee will take into consideration the special or extra Programmes the group wish to include, as well as the current Study Packet. The Committee will decide which programmes they will use from the packet, and suggest a method of presentation. Care should be taken by the Committee to see that there is variety in the Programme, and that the methods of presentation vary from month to month. They will arrange for the necessary number of people to take part in the Programme presentations and who these people will be, being careful to involve as many of the members of the group as possible during the year. The Committee should keep in mind each of the members of the Group — being conscious that some members may need to be made feel a more important part of the Group, while others may need an opportunity to participate in a particular way.

DOES THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAMME PRESENTATION, ONCE IT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO A GROUP?

Yes, for they should check with the women to see that the Study is being prepared (most women are very busy and are glad to be reminded of a task they have agreed to do) and should arrange for a meeting of the Group preparing the study and the women who will lead in worship, if this is necessary. The Committee should be aware that some women will need more help in preparing to present a Programme than others, and be willing to give the necessary assistance.

IS WORSHIP PART OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEES' RESPONSIBILITY?

Worship should be related to the Study which the Group is involved in at any given meeting. The Programme Committee will either ask particular members to lead in Worship, or will be sure that it is understood, by the Group preparing the Study, that this also involves preparing the Worship. In either case, the Committee should inquire whether the resources in the Packet are sufficient, and, if not, be prepared to suggest supplementary material that can be used.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITY DOES THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE HAVE WITH REGARD TO PLANNING SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, LIKE THANKOFFERING MEETINGS, CHRISTMAS AND EASTER MEETINGS, OR A FAMILY NIGHT?

Special Programmes should be carefully considered by the Committee—plans should be made for variety. Special meetings need not always take the same form, nor is it always necessary to have a special speaker. Others in the congregation might be pleased to share in a regular — only enlarged —Group Meeting, where discussion is possible. Where other specific Groups within the congregation are to be included in a meeting, the Committee should suggest joint planning, well ahead of time, with representatives from all Groups participating.

ARE THERE ADDITIONAL AREAS THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH?

During the year new members will no doubt come into the Group. The programme must be flexible enough to include these new members. On the other hand, from time to time some members may have to leave the Group. The Committee will be responsible to see that the task is done even though drop-outs may be unavoidable. The members of the Committee will also be on the lookout for interesting ways to supplement the Programme, like relevant magazine and newspaper articles; opportunities to meet and/or, hear people involved in the area which we are studying; special recipes from countries we are studying, or recordings and film-strips related to the areas of concern.

WHAT OTHER WAYS DOES THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE CARRY ON ITS WORK, PARTICULARLY DURING THE YEAR?

The Programme Committee should be doing a continuous evaluation of the Group's Programme — they should be asking if the Programme is meeting the needs of all members of their group. Does the Programme hold the interest of every member throughout the meeting? Does the Programme take us any closer to our goal, as set out in the aim and purpose of our Society? Does it give every woman a feeling of sharing in the great task God has called us to do?

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In Remembrance

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WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME FOR MAY 8, 9, 10, 1964?

by THE ANNIVERSARIES' COMMITTEE

It will not be long until many of you will be on your way to Montreal, to participate in the Anniversaries' Celebrations about which members of the Society have thought and planned and prayed for so long. Now these days are almost here! Are you asking — What will be the programme in which we will all share in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul?

FRIDAY — MAY 8

Registration and Displays — beginning at 1.00 p.m. — continuing through the afternoon.

The historical displays prepared by the Synodicals and the various departments of the Society, as well as an interesting display of the Children's Anniversary Art Project, will be in Kildonan Hall of the church. After registering, people will be free to look at, and discuss, the displays with those in charge of them.

Opening Session — 8.00 p.m.

This, and all other sessions of the celebrations, will be presided over by Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. At this session the Service of Worship will be led by the Reverend R. J. Berlis, B.A., B.D., D.D., minister of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. The Reverend H. Lennox, B.A., D.D., Moderator of the 89th General Assembly, will bring greetings, and the Reverend K. G. McMillan, B.D., D.D., a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and General Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, will address the meeting, on the subject—"Our Inheritance — Inspiration for Tomorrow."

At this session there will be music by a Montreal Choir, and the Presentation of the Anniversary Book, in which ceremony the Synodical Presidents will participate. Following this session a social time in Kildonan Hall will offer an opportunity to get acquainted.

SATURDAY — MAY 9

Morning Session — 9.30-12.00 noon

Miss Margaret Kennedy, of India, will lead in the first of three studies on the theme "The World For Christ" — (1) The Invitation. A Service of Worship related to the study will be led by Miss Louise A. Reith, Executive Director of Organization. Music and introductions will be part of the Programme and the presentation of "Mission to Canada" will involve members of the National and Organization staffs, and the Executive Director of National Missions, Miss Giollo Kelly.

At this session, and in others throughout the celebrations, music will be provided by young people from the Indian Residential Schools at Kenora, Ontario, and Birtle, Manitoba.

Lunch — 12.30-2.00 p.m.

Arrangements have been made with the Mount Royal Hotel to enable those attending the celebrations to have three meals together in a room reserved. (See Registration Folder). The three meals are noon and evening meals on Saturday, May 9, and lunch on Sunday, May 10.

During these meals, there will be introductions and greetings from guests and representatives of Boards of the Church, as well as other Programme items. Meal times offer an opportunity to meet co-workers from across Canada, India, British Guiana, Nigeria, Formosa.

Afternoon Session — 2.30-5.00 p.m.

Theme study — "The Challenge" and Service of Worship will begin the session. Music and introductions will lead into the presentation of "Mission Overseas" by representatives and staff from Overseas lands, and Miss Mary Whale, Executive Director of Overseas Missions.

Dinner — 6.00-7.30 p.m.

Evening Session — 8.00 p.m.

A Presentation — "In Christ's World" in two parts — Part I — "Backdrop of History," presented by women of Montreal.

Part II — "Christ Confronts Us with Today" — A dialogue involving three people, with Miss Laura K. Pelton as moderator.

SUNDAY — MAY 10

A Service of Holy Communion — 9.00 o'clock, will be conducted by Dr. R. J. Berlis. After this service, the women will be free to attend an 11.00 o'clock service at a church of their choice.

Lunch — 12.30 noon-1.30 p.m.

Closing Session — 2.00-3.30 p.m.

This session will be opened with a brief message from the President. Miss Kennedy will then lead in the final theme study — "The Command." The Celebrations will close with a Service of Worship.

This above is a brief outline of some of the main events of the Programme. We look forward to the inspiration and challenge of these days. Do read again the "Anniversary Corner" in the January, February and March issues of *The Glad Tidings*. Whether *you* can be in Montreal or not, do *prepare* as Miss Kennedy has suggested.

Registration

Note: Have you registered yet for the Anniversaries' Celebrations?

If you have not a Registration Folder, check with the secretary of your local Adult Group or write:

The Anniversaries' Committee
Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society
Room 800-100 Adelaide Street West,
Toronto 1, Ontario

Travel — Check with your Presbyterial about others from your area going to Montreal, that you may benefit from group travel rates available from the railways.

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SPRING !

"Spring is one thing that man has never had a hand in! It is as remote from man as sunrise, or the phases of the moon. This may be difficult to believe when you have a gardenful of daffodils and tulips, planted by your own hand. But none of us can fend off an April frost, and none of us can make a tulip-bulb grow and come to blossom, by holding it in our hands. We have to commit it to the earth, and trust to forces beyond human power or control.

Spring came, before man was here to see it, and it will keep on coming, even if man isn't here to see it — some time in the future. It is a matter of solar mechanics and celestial order. And, for all our knowledge of astronomy and terrestrial mechanics, we couldn't alter the arrival of Spring by one second, if we tried."

(From the Editor's Scrapbook)

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LEGACY !

April laughed, and threw a kiss,
Then afraid it seemed amiss,
Quick she dropped a shining tear
And it straightway blossomed here.
A tear for every kiss she blew,
From every tear, a blossom grew,
Till she, laughing, ran away,
And left her flowers all to May!

(contributed)

TYNDALE HOUSE

by MISS CATHERINE WATSON

"You can follow Jesus, and do not have to follow the Ten Commandments," stated one girl in her Church School class at Tyndale House. Another girl asked, "Why do we have the Ten Commandments then?" Discussion, comparison, Bible reading, followed, to learn that Jesus in His life obeyed the Ten Commandments, and taught that we should, too. Jesus states, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you". So we should live by all of them and the new one.

These girls are the future adults of Tyndale House. They have questioning minds, and are eager to learn not only the Bible truths, but how to apply them to life. So, in the Christian atmosphere of Tyndale House, they can come to learn. But it is not only these girls who come, but children of all ages from babies to teen-agers. Then the adults come, too.

Since moving to the new building, in 1951, it has been our policy that all phases of development be possible in that Christian setting. As well as Church Services, Church School, and Church-centred groups, there are Nursery School, gym, crafts, recreation, educational groups, Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. Over four hundred children and adults have a well-rounded Programme with these forty-five groups, where they can not only learn the Bible truths, but put them into practice.

The question, "Where do you find the forty-six teen-age and adult Leaders for all of these groups?" has been asked time and time again. It is true that some come from the various Churches in the city, and the Montreal Volunteer Bureau. We are glad to have their capable assistance. But many come from the Tyndale people themselves. I am thinking of two sisters who are leading in the Church School. They attended Nursery School, and grew up through Tyndale, and now are capably taking their place as volunteers. Their family has had a long connection with Tyndale. Their great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, and brothers and sisters, as well as themselves, have been members of Tyndale House, through the years. It is rewarding observing the "younger generation" taking their responsibility in the life and work of Tyndale.

These are only two of the many who are assisting, one way or another. This past Fall, an assistant was needed at Nursery School. One mother, who had had her five children as Nursery School members and who, herself, had aided in the Nursery School from time to time when required, came forward. With her help and that of a mother or interested friend each morning, the enrolment has been increased to twenty-four.

The enthusiastic Nursery School members bound up the stairs in the morning. One of the first questions I hear is, "What are we going to do this morning?" Last Fall, we gathered prettily coloured maple leaves, pressed, waxed, and mounted them, and sent them with an accompanying letter to our "Friends" in a Kindergarten in Virginia. Then one day a parcel came from them. What excitement when all shared in opening it! Inside were peanuts on the vine, cotton balls on the branches, tobacco leaf and flowers. With this, and with letters going back and forth between the two schools, our children are learning not only to share, but that they can have friends in other parts of the world.

Among the after-school groups, is the next age of children composing the Children of the Church. Because of the mother assisting, we have been able to make the Mission Study live, with a table scene of the story and Indian dollies—all made by the children.

When reviewing the first week's story from "The Buffalo and the Bell" in C.O.C., one girl said, "Kiran had a bad time because she told a lie!" That is what had impressed them, and formed the basis for a discussion and, later, many of the pictures that they painted for the Children's Art Project.

All of the boys and the girls in C.O.C., Girls' Explorers, Boys' Explorers, Pathfinders or the teen-age girls, Searchers or the teen-age boys, learn not only by word, but by doing. A year ago, the Boys' Explorers were hosts to the Explorers from the Chinese Church and the Girls' Explorers of Tyndale. They planned the Programme and included refreshment time, Worship, slides of Tyndale House, and games. They took their responsibility well that day, and were real hosts.

As the boys and girls advance, they take more and more responsibility in their groups and become, in the future, Leaders. This training for Leadership is prevalent in the Church School, too. This year, the Senior boys in the Church School have taken upon themselves for each Sunday the leading of the Open Session of the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Departments. One boy a Sunday is in the pulpit to conduct the Service of Worship.

Once a month in the Church School is Mission Sunday, when a special Missionary Service is conducted, through which the children learn more about the Missionary work. A special Missionary offering is received during that Service.

The Church School teachers have

faithfully taught, Sunday after Sunday. But they are eager to do more. They, and other interested persons, have met monthly for Leadership Training. Each year, different studies are made, such as methods of teaching, the Four Main Religions, the Christian Faith. This year, the Leader has led in studying the lessons for the following month, giving each teacher an insight into the background and contents of the lessons. A study was made of Peter, the topic for the Montreal Church School Association additional study this year. All the teachers will be well informed then when it is taught to the children.

Being Leaders is only part of the Adult story at Tyndale House. The women of the Evening Auxiliary, although few in number, not only take their place at Tyndale, but in the Presbyterial, too; in assisting Mrs. Leatherdale prior to Christmas; attending Presbyterial meetings and taking part when asked. Yearly, they visit the Moore Home and conduct a Service. Quite an interest is shown in their prayer partners. The members take turns writing to them—a letter or card being sent to each prayer partner every month.

Others find many ways of helping at Tyndale House, such as the women who prepared the meal for the Pre-Schoolers and Parents, the Father and Son, and the Mother and Daughter, Banquets; the women of the White Shield Club and the Young Mothers' Club who raised money and had the Chapel painted; the men and women who sing in the Choir; the young men and women who do office duty, and many other ways in which the Tyndale people serve.

Each year, the World Day of Prayer is observed by the people at Tyndale. Lately, the adults have joined with the other women in the area for the joint service. Sometimes our women are asked to assist as Leader, reader of the Scripture, or offering a prayer. The children and teen-agers hold their World Day of Prayer Service at Tyndale House. They, themselves, are the Leaders and lead in worship, quietly, capably and reverently.

For some time, there has been felt by the staff of Tyndale a need for a more direct liaison between them and the community. So this past Fall, an Advisory Committee was organized. Its members are representatives of the Adult Groups and the Children's Groups. Not only is it a Discussion Group on what is done, and can be done, at Tyndale, it sees Tyndale as a Church, and a community centre in that district where more and more people can enjoy the privileges there, in the Christian atmosphere. Efforts are being made to acquaint the community with the Tyndale Programme.

Smiles, smiles, and more smiles! Smiles from the babies; smiles from the youth; smiles from the adults. Genuine smiles! Smiles betray inner pleasure, joy and love. Inwardly and often it cannot be expressed; there is a feeling of pleasure at just being at Tyndale House. Those who come find love and understanding, a haven from the turmoil of the world, and a place to learn about Christ. They come and they go. As they do, we pray that they have found in Christ their Lord and Saviour, and have put their life in His hands.

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8. Find fault with the Minister.

(Selected)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

WILFRED GRENFELL, HIS LIFE AND WORK
By B. J. Lennox Kerr

Many authors have written about the life of Sir Wilfred Grenfell, that truly great physician and humanitarian, who, filled with compassion for the needs of the fisherfolk of the rough Labrador coast, began, almost single-handed, that Mission, equipped only with primitive instruments and one small boat, which later grew into four Hospitals, with up to 80 beds, seven doctors, many nurses and permanent helpers, and which has made his name a legend of love and goodness to this day, not only in Labrador and Newfoundland, but literally throughout the world. This book, however, is the *only* authorized full biography of this remarkable man, and the Author, who is a man of the sea himself, with real admiration for all fishermen, has had full access to the Grenfell family records, as well as the Grenfell Association's documents. It is not a new book, but it is a valuable possession, a vivid and heart-warming portrayal of a great man of Canada, whose life, memory and accomplishments can never cease to be an inspiration. Not only was he a physician, sailor, explorer, navigator and missionary, but through the co-operative movement he organized among these poor fishermen, who were so often victimized by greedy traders, he became also a practicing philanthropist, a trader himself, an author and lecturer, and an inveterate fighter for justice for his people. It is many years now since his death, but truly "his works do follow him," and his memory never can fade — Price — $4.00.

JOURNEY OUT OF DARKNESS
By Marie Bell McCoy

This is a recent book, and it tells the valiant story of the author, who, when middle-aged, was suddenly stricken with total blindness. How to face such catastrophe, at so late a date in life? Mrs. McCoy found two choices before her, "You may choose to go limp," she says, "retire to a chimney-corner and eke out the rest of your life whimpering and snivelling —or, you can regard your problem as a splendid and irresistible challenge!" That is what Mrs. McCoy succeeded in doing about her tragic handicap. Stunned at first, she found it unbearable to accept the fact of blindness, then, because she was basically, a woman of sense and intelligence, she accepted the necessity of a new existence, and started, with her husband's help, to rebuild her life, determined that she would never ask anyone to do anything for her that she could possibly do herself. Presently the tragedy of blindness became surprisingly bearable. Mrs. McCoy was *living* again — courageously, in spite of adversity; cheerfully, and with appreciation of all that life still held for her. "Faced squarely," she says, in her simple and sincere way, "difficulties dwindle, and the only problem that cannot be solved is the one that is never acknowledged." An interesting and inspiring book, which certainly would help any reader to refuse to be defeated by any problem of life. — Price — $4.00.

HOMEBREW AND PATCHES
By Harry J. Boyle

Anyone who read that delightful first book by the same Canadian writer, "Mostly In Clover," will look forward with pleasure to reading this new one, which takes the same typical young Canadian boy into the continuation school of the nearby small town, and his years of growing up in those depression days, known to the farming communities as the "Hungry Thirties." Yet this is a joyous and interesting book, as indeed was life in those days, in spite of much having to "make do." Country young people had no lack of fun, despite economic restrictions. We read about the ice-harvesting; the fund-raising Oyster Suppers; the wonders of the Department Store Catalogue; young Harry's first date; his secret love affair with the High School Art Teacher; the country auctions; Mother's famous baked beans, and the family's scheme of buying an Easter hat for Mother; the family being photographed — "We all looked unsmilingly uncomfortable, as if we had just been sitting in warm glue!' Which of us has not just such a photograph tucked away in an old Photograph Album? A most worth-while and interesting book. Price — $3.95.

INSPIRATION UNDER THE SKY
By Dorothy Wells Pease

For all who love the wonders and the beauties of God's wonderful world, I cannot recommend this book too highly. Arranged around the seven themes in nature — waters, mountains, flowers, trees, birds, the Heavens, and all Creation — here are 65 Devotional Selections, which are truly both soul-satisfying and inspirational. This is actually an Anthology of verses and prayers by many well-known writers — such as Edgar Guest; William Wordsworth; Harry Emerson Fosdick; Grace Noll Crowell and many others — which are not only beautiful to read and think upon, but give real lessons in hope, faith and serenity, and the calm assurance that God has indeed "an all-embracing plan for the creatures of this earth." Mrs. Pease is also the Author of "Altars Under the Sky," and "Meditations Under the Sky," both of which have been widely used and enjoyed by many young people attending Church Camps, as certainly this new one will also be. — Price $2.25.

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APRIL

A glance, a gleam of sapphire wings
Across the woodland spaces;
And, near and far, vague murmurings
In sunlit places.

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by The Rev. DONALD H. POWELL

Missionary for Overseas Students and Laymen Abroad, Overseas Mission Section, General Board of Missions, The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Today, as never before, Canadian young people are being challenged by a call to Christian service in Canada and around the world.

Youth are discovering that God is calling each individual to become the unique person he was created to be. Varieties of service may take many different forms, in different parts of the world. The Christian young person, in facing the opportunities for a future career of service at home and abroad, must have a readiness to pour out his life in service to others. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus . . . who . . . took upon Him the form of a servant."

The world needs persons of integrity in their jobs as qualified workers, motivated by the love of Christ, determined to heal broken wounds, to work faithfully, to teach and to learn, and to give the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ to the whole world.

Christian youth have been given talents, energy and personality. How can each individual meet the growing demands of this day? Different parts of the world are asking for persons with training and experience who can contribute much to areas of need. Nurses, laboratory technicians, physio-therapists, teachers, writers, social workers, nutritionists, agriculturalists, with special skills and training, are giving significant leadership throughout the world. Adequate training is important, and each student is advised to get as much training and experience as possible before considering work abroad.

What are some of the positions waiting to be filled Overseas, with Government and private agencies? The United Nations Educational Scientific Council seeks a wide range of personnel, both junior and senior, for work throughout the world. For information write to the UNESCO Recruitment Programme, Washington 25, D.C., U.S.A. Through the Canadian Government External Aid Office in Ottawa, information can be secured about a wide area of trained people who are requested by the new and emerging countries. A large number of positions are open for experienced teachers. Terms of service are usually for one year but may be renewed.

Each year the Young Women's Christian Association, for example, needs qualified persons for service in various countries. In Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, staff members are needed to work in High School and University areas. In India, YWCA staff, who have camping skills, are needed for student and youth work. Further information is available from the Personnel Department, YWCA of Canada, 571 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5.

The World Council of Churches has a varied Programme of Christian Service and Community Development, provided through the work of international teams of volunteers. Volunteers have their travel expenses supplied to the location of the project, a monthly allowance of $20, an annual clothing and vacation grant plus medical expenses, and are expected to serve for two years. Inquiries should be sent to the Ecumenical Teams Committee, World Council of Churches, 17 Route de Malagnou, Geneva, Switzerland.

Young Canadians, twenty-five in number, are invited to participate in a Study and Work Camp Programme each summer in Africa, with Operation-Crossroads Africa. The group leaves Canada in mid-June and returns in late August. This programme presents an opportunity for a closer appreciation of new countries of Africa and their peoples. The cost to each participant is about $300, plus transportation to New York. For information write to Mr. D. Simpson, Executive Secretary, Canadian Committee of Operation Crossroads Africa, 685 Santa Monica Road, London, Ontario.

A national agency, created by the Canadian Universities and other organizations in 1961, is known as Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO). It seeks to provide opportunities for Overseas service for recent Canadian University graduates, and helps to place qualified people in countries requesting their services. Recent graduates in medicine, nursing and teaching are needed in Asia and Africa for a term of two years. Salary is equivalent to that of a national citizen who is similarly employed. Travel expenses and health insurance are also provided. Canadians serving with CUSO have been placed in the Congo, Ghana, Nigeria, Sarawak, Singapore, Northern Rhodesia, Haiti and Japan. Other member organizations have provided opportunities for service in India, Ceylon, British Guiana and British Honduras. Additional information may be secured from the Executive Secretary, CUSO, 75 Albert St., Ottawa 4, Ontario.

There is in Britain, the Voluntary Service Overseas organization, which was started in 1958 to give persons between the ages of eighteen years and normally the mid-twenties the opportunity to give service for a year or more in the newly developing countries throughout the world. A challenge is offered to those who wish to make a personal contribution to jobs which need doing. Opportunities are given to see something of the problems confronting other peoples, to live and work alongside them and to develop initiative by undertaking useful tasks, sometimes under difficult conditions. For information write to Voluntary Service Overseas, 18 Northumberland Ave., London, WC2, England.

Occasional openings for teachers of Public Health and related subjects are offered by the World Health Organization, 1501 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. Some oil companies employ teachers abroad. For example, the Socony-Mobil Oil Company, 150 East 42nd St., New York, maintains schools in Colombia and Venezuela, where employment is offered for teachers of children of administrative and technical employees. A full listing of U. S. business concerns with operations Overseas may be obtained from the Institute on Overseas Churchmanship, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y.

Opportunities for service abroad are provided also by the Canadian Voluntary Commonwealth Service which aims to give help where it is urgently needed, to contribute in a small and vital way to Commonwealth understanding and development, and to break down racial barriers by close contacts among students who will form the opinion of the future. Volunteers are considered under the following headings:—University graduates who are prepared to give a year's service immediately after leaving University; University graduates who are prepared to serve in another country through the four months of summer vacation; and also High School graduates who are willing to spend a year Overseas before they go to University. Volunteers must be prepared to work alone among the people of the host country. The jobs they do will include teaching, youth leadership and training, community development and welfare work. They will always be attached to some senior person or organization, and will work under their direction. Volunteers are sent to areas where there is a specific request for their assistance, particularly in the Caribbean which is the nearest Commonwealth area to Canada. More detailed information may be obtained from Mr. G. Arnold, Middle House, Burwash Hall, 89 Charles St. W., Toronto 5, Ontario.

A full list of current openings for service Overseas, as well as in Canada, with Government and private agencies, may be secured from the Vocational Register, The Student Christian Movement of Canada, 23 St. Thomas Street, Toronto 5, Ontario. Information regarding additional service opportunities may be obtained from the writer, Overseas Missions, Presbyterian Church in Canada, 63 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ontario.

The door of opportunity is open. The world needs young Christians, who not only will go into work in Canada and across the world, but who will go with the conviction that God can use them in new forms of witness and service in business, industry and government — to witness for Him.

Your Prayers are asked

—For all women across the Society, as they prepare, through Bible Study, for the Anniversaries' Celebrations, that they may receive a new understanding of Christ's teachings.

—For all who, in local groups, Presbyterials, and Synodicals, are observing this Anniversary Year, that they may gain inspiration from the past and be challenged by the world of today.

—For our Missionaries, Miss Hazell Davis, serving in the Presbytery of West Toronto, and Miss Florence Goertzen, serving in the Presbytery of East Toronto. That their witness, as they serve in Downtown Missions, may be richly blessed, and strengthened, and result in Christ's love being made very real to all whom they serve in the months ahead.

—For the Tibetan girls who have recently gone to the Helen MacDonald Memorial School in Jhansi; pray that those who have the care of these children, in school and hostel, may be guided to know how best to serve their Lord through care of these children.

—Pray for refugee peoples in all parts of the world. Help us, as members of a Society and as a Church, to understand our share of the work with these peoples.

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MANORI GETS A HAIRCUT

Adapted from a story by ISABEL HUNTER

Manori was five years old. He lived in a little village in India with his father and mother. Usually Manori was a happy boy, but today his crying had not stopped. He had hurt his foot and nothing his mother did helped him.

When Manori's father came in from the field his mother said, “I heard today there is a white Doctor in the valley who can cure people. Could we take Manori to him?”

“But who will look after the farm?' said his father.

“I thought of that too,” said his mother, “but Manori cries so much! We must do something to help him.”

“I don't think the white Doctor can help,” said his father, “but if you want to go I'll go with you.”

Early the next morning they started down the steep path to the valley. After what seemed a long time, in the distance they could see the shiny roof of the Hospital.

“There it is,” called Manori's mother. “Soon Manori will be able to walk and run, like other boys and girls.”

“We shall see,” replied his father.

When they arrived at the door of the Hospital, the verandah was crowded with men, women and children. Manori and his parents sat down to wait their turn. A Bible Woman told stories and sang songs, and in what seemed no time at all Manori was in the little room with the Doctor.

“May I help you?” asked the Doctor, straightening his white coat.

“Yes,” said Manori's father, “Our son has a sore foot. We heard in our village that you could cure him.”

The Doctor unwrapped the dirty bandage from Manori's foot. The nurse washed the sore with warm water.

After looking at the foot the Doctor said, “I can help you. But Manori, you must stay with us in the Hospital for a few weeks.”

“What will you do to him?” asked his father.

“I will cut his foot and then mend it again,” said the Doctor. “But Manori must stay here with us.”

Manori's mother clutched him in

her arms and rose to leave. "Manori cannot stay here," said his father.

Manori and his father and mother left the Hospital. "I was afraid the Doctor couldn't help him," said Manori's father. "We cannot leave him here. What would they do to him?'

Starting for home they walked slowly through the bazaar in the village. They did not see the pretty things to buy. They were sad that the Doctor had not helped Manori.

Suddenly Manori's father felt someone touch his arm. He turned quickly.

"How did you get here?" said an old friend. "I am so happy to see you. How are all my friends in our hill village?"

"It is good to see one person we know," said Manori's father. "Manori has a sore foot. We brought him to the Doctor, but he says he must stay in the Hospital. We couldn't leave our child in the Hospital with the white man."

"The white Doctor," said his friend, "will help Manori. The nurses will be kind to him too. Take him back. The Doctor will let his mother stay with him in the hospital. The relatives of patients always stay with their sick folk."

"I didn't know about that!" said Manori's father.

"Let us try," said Manori's mother, tugging at the father's arm.

"Do you think they will let Manori's mother stay with him?"

"Yes," said the friend, "I am sure of that. I took our little girl to the Hospital, and her mother stayed until she was better."

Manori's father and mother hurried to the Hospital. Arriving at the Hospital Manori's father said to the Doctor, "I will leave Manori with you. My friend says that you will let his mother stay in the hospital too."

"Yes," said the doctor, "his mother may stay until Manori is able to walk."

Soon Manori was in a clean white bed. His mother sat on the floor close beside him watching every movement of the nurses.

"Hello, Manori," said a nurse. "I shall take you now to have your bath."

"A bath!" said his mother. "Manori has never had a bath. I suppose he could have a bath, but you won't wash his hair or cut it?"

"Yes," said the nurse, "We shall wash all of him."

"No, no," said his mother, "he has never had his hair washed, or combed, or cut. He cannot have his hair cut until he is seven. That is our religion."

"As you wish," said the nurse, "but his hair will be dirty and tangled."

Days went by, and Manori's foot was getting better. First he stood by the side of the bed, and then he began to run and play with the children in the Hospital.

One day the nurse came into the room smiling, and said, "Manori, I have good news for you. Tomorrow you may go home to see your father."

"To see my father," shouted Manori, "won't he be glad, and I will be able to run and play on the hills with the boys!"

"We shall be sorry to see you go," said the nurse. Then she felt Manori's mother touching her sleeve.

"Now you can cut Manori's hair," said his mother, "and I want to pray too."

"Why?" said the nurse, "You have listened to the stories and heard the singing, but you have not said you wanted to give yourself to Jesus."

"You have been kind to Manori," said his mother. "I have heard you tell about Jesus, and how he went about doing good. I think that Jesus is in this place."

Without saying more, the nurse cut Manori's hair. After washing his hair, he did not look like the same boy who had come to the Hospital some weeks before.

"Now your body is clean and your hair too," said the nurse.

The next day Manori and his mother left the Hospital, walking slowly up the rough mountain path. Every few steps they turned to look back and wave to the Doctor. Finally, they came to a turn in the road. For the last time they waved to their friends at the Hospital. But Manori and his mother never forgot the Hospital, where the Doctor helped him to walk and the nurse cut his hair!

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CONVINCING CONFIDENCE !

by MISS EDNA F. GRANT

I saw a tiny crocus push its way,
With supernatural strength, up through the crust
That winter storms had laid. It seemed to trust
Its friends, the sun and warming wind. For they
With fresh encouragement had come to sway
And patiently attack with gentle thrust
The last few signs of winter, to adjust
The atmosphere, and let the crocus stay.
Help me to know the zeal of fragile flower,
To break through doubts, and every waking hour
Reflect the friendliness shown unto me,
Knowing that as my days, my strength shall be.
Give me the faith that sun and flower record,
That I may live more confidently, Lord.

THE TOMB OF ST. JOHN

Did you know that St. John, "the disciple Jesus loved," lived to be a very old man, and was the last to survive on earth of the twelve Apostles? He is one of the few disciples whose burial place is actually known. He is thought to have died at Ephesus, about 100 A.D., in the reign of the Emperor Trajan. Many Biblical scholars believe that it was there, toward the end of his life, that he wrote his Gospel—the last of the books of the Bible to be written.

In the time of the Emperor Justinian, a great cross-shaped Basilica was built at the tomb of St. John, and historians now believe that much of the lovely marble used in its building was salvaged from the ruins of the nearby famous Temple of Diana — one of the "Seven Wonders of the World" — which was destroyed by the Goths in 263 A.D., and eventually those great ruins sank out of sight, under twenty feet of mud, washed down from the mountains by the River Cayster. In its day, this marvellous Temple had a massive floor and foundations nearly twice the size of the platform of the Parthenon!

Until the Turkish invasion of Ephesus in the Middle Ages, the Basilica of St. John, the Evangelist, was one of the major pilgrim shrines of Christianity. In the relentless course of the following years, this Basilica, too, was destroyed, and it eventually fell into such complete oblivion that its location at Ephesus remained unknown until after World War I. In spite of its rediscovery by archaeologists, even as recently as 1955, it was almost unbelievably neglected. Goats roamed and grazed at will among the fallen columns, and walls, of the once-beautiful Basilica, and the grave of the "beloved Disciple" was no more than an open hole in the ground, leading down to a caved-in crypt, filled with rubbish. Few knew, or really cared, what it was!

In 1955, however, a man named George B. Quatman, a businessman from Ohio, U.S.A., visited Ephesus, in the course of a tour, and was so shocked by what he saw at the ancient Tomb of St. John, that he took immediate steps to preserve the site from any further desecration. On his return home, by the following year, he had started a movement among persons of many different denominations to get together and rebuild the Tomb of St. John, the Evangelist, as an Ecumenical Shrine. The actual restoration of the Basilica started in 1957, and, as funds were raised, the beautiful Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, in about five years time, rose again in much of its original beauty, and when finally completed will be again one of the important places which Christians abroad will wish to visit. (From the Editor's Scrapbook.)

CUSTOMS!

by SIMON KOWO, Southern Rhodesia

WHEN WE MEET a good custom of people of another land or tribe, we often attempt to adopt it for our own. Thus good customs travel across language boundaries; they travel from country to country, and sometimes from continent to continent. Unfortunately, bad customs sometimes follow the same pattern.

I believe that customs make people a nation. When a custom is good, it should be continued. When it is bad, it should be dropped. Let me give you some examples of customs that should remain, and one that should go, and go fast.

It is the practise of the African people, in the area from which I come, to clap hands when greeting each other. Young women and girls bend their knees to elder women and men. When a son-in-law greets his father-in-law or mother-in-law, he sits down, folds his legs, and claps his hands in a way that makes a loud sound. The same thing applies to daughter-in-law. People are not supposed to behave, or talk, foolishly before the in-laws. These are good customs. They are part of African culture.

Another desirable custom is connected with a death in a village. When a person dies, no one in the village is supposed to go to his field. Everyone gathers at the home of the deceased until the funeral is over. The women help to fetch fire-wood, draw water and grind meal. Some bring meal and cooked food from their own homes. Men usually dig the grave, gather stones, and bury the body. This is a good thing in Africa.

Now let's look at one of the bad customs. I appeal to all Christians in Africa to help eradicate it. This will explain the situation — A woman was leader of a Women's Organization at one of the Methodist Churches in Rhodesia. After she had learned that her husband was going to die, grief and worry overburdened her. She was concerned for the welfare of her children, when there would no longer be a provider in her family. She went to her Pastor with tears in her eyes.

"Mufundisi (Pastor), the cross is heavy for me," she said.

"Whose Cross" the Mufundisi asked?

"Of Jesus," the woman said.

Straight away the Mufundisi quoted the Scriptures: — " 'My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' These are Jesus' words."

"Thank you Pastor. I was afraid, but now I have courage," the woman said.

She left smiling, full of courage. Her husband died the same week. Immediately after the burial, her husband's brother made inquiries about his possessions. "Where is his Post Saving Book? How many cattle and goats did he have?" they demanded.

When all the properties were assembled, all close relatives were asked to gather. The older brother of the deceased distributed the property among them. The wife and children were also considered the husband's property. The distributor gave the four children to different relatives. The mother was asked to choose one of the male relatives, as a husband to inherit her. But the woman, with tears running down her cheeks, bravely defended her faith.

"I am a Christian; I won't be inherited! I shall choose a man to marry me sometime, but not because he is related to my husband. I am still mourning my dear one," she said.

"Silly woman, who is going to support you? You cannot break our custom," the elder brother said. "You must choose one of these men as your husband. I don't want Christian influence in this home. No one can marry you except one of these men sitting here. Choose now!"

"You can take away everything from me, but please do not separate me from my children," the woman pleaded.

When the woman refused to capitulate, and the children pleaded to be left with their mother, the brother said, "We are going to leave you here, but no one will support you."

He ordered his brothers to span the oxen on the wagon. They packed all the possessions and goods of the deceased, and drove the cows and wagon to their homes, leaving the wife and her children behind. "I want to see what you will feed these children!" the one in charge said before leaving.

Life became miserable for this woman and her children, all because of a bad custom. The children had no one to educate them, and to help in their support. All the money and goods the father had possessed, everything he had gathered for his family, were in the hands of relatives. This is an evil custom, and must be overcome.

A way of combating it was suggested in August, 1960, by an African Christian woman at the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Africa. She urged all African men to write legal wills, which would protect their wives and children. It is the responsibility of the church to take the lead in combating this sort of custom.

(Courtesy of "African Features.")

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IF WE WERE WISE!

I saw tomorrow look at me
From little children's eyes
And thought how carefully we'd
teach
If we were wise! (Selected)

DID YOU KNOW—?

—That the most extensive collection of Scriptures in the Western Hemisphere — more than 22,000 volumes in over 1,100 languages — is to be seen in the Library of Bible House, the American Bible Society's world headquarters, on Park Avenue, New York City? This Library and the Headquarters are included among the 39 major sight-seeing attractions listed for visitors to New York, visitors are welcomed every day, except Saturday and Sunday, from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Last year, twenty-five countries and 31 States were represented in the Visitors Book.

—That more than five hundred pilgrims from all parts of the world gathered on the tiny island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland, to mark the fourteen-hundredth anniversary of the arrival of St. Columba in 563 A.D. Highlight of the observance was a united service of thanksgiving and Holy Communion held in the ancient Iona Abbey. Although the famed Abbey has been open to all churches for separate services of Holy Communion since it was restored and bequeathed to the Church of Scotland, this was the first time a united service had been held. The celebrant was Bishop Lesslie Newbigin and the liturgy followed was a slightly modified version of that used by the Church of South India. In attendance at the unique service, in addition to members of the Church of Scotland, were representatives of the Presbyterian churches in England, Wales, and Ireland, the Baptist, Congregational, and Methodist churches, the Salvation Army, and the Society of Friends.

—That a two-day celebration in Kwan-Fu, Taiwan, marked formation of a new Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa among the Amis, Taiwan's once-headhunting largest aboriginal tribe? Organized on the thirtieth anniversary of the beginning of Christian work among the tribe, the new Presbytery includes one hundred churches, fourteen of them self-supporting, all with ordained ministers. The Amis tribe, with a population of about fifty thousand, now becomes the second of Taiwan's eleven tribes to form a presbytery. The Taroka tribe organized slightly more than a year ago, and it is expected that two other tribes will form presbyteries within the next two and a half years. Establishment of churches among the Amis has shown a rapid growth since the close of the Second World War.

—That the closing exercises of the twelfth annual session of the Toronto Institute of Linguistics were held in the chapel of Victoria College? Seventy-nine missionary candidates for eighteen different denominational mission boards have completed this year's intensive course designed to prepare them for language study in their particular area of anticipated service. Two of the students came from Southern Rhodesia, the remaining seventy-seven from Canada and the United States. The majority of the missionary candidates will be leaving for Overseas assignments within the next few months. Initiated by the Canadian School of Missions, the Toronto Institute of Linguistics is now sponsored by a wide variety of mission boards and societies, including our own.

—That Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, Korea, has granted doctor of medicine degrees to the first women students in its seventy-six-year-old-history? Founded by a pioneer Methodist missionary, Ewha University has some eight thousand students and is believed to be the world's largest women's school. It is supported in part by the United States Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service. In support of the Korean Government Programme to raise the living standard of its people, Ewha University recently established a Research Centre for Better Living. The new Centre's activities include medical examinations for mothers and children in villages, child-care advice, and evening elementary and high school classes for working youths.

—That about 1761 groups of Irish Protestant immigrants sailed up the Bay of Fundy to take lands vacated by the expulsion of the Acadians? From Londonderry, New Hampshire, and from Londonderry in Ireland, they came to the shores of Cobequid Bay, settling in Truro, Nova Scotia and the Communities nearby. One parish they named "Londonderry", and erected their Church in what is now called Glenholme. Here the first induction of a Presbyterian Minister in Canada took place in 1771.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—Twelve women attended the Afternoon Session of a Rally held in *Prince George,* which presented Bible Study; a Talk and a Tape Recording of "Camp at Shuswap", given by Mrs. Ross Mirdock. Twenty-nine registered for the Dinner and Evening Session, when the Rev. James Hutchinson, of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, spoke on "The Place of Women in the Church".

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — The 50th Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* when Special Guests were Miss Edith Magee, B.A., of *India;* Mrs. I. LeHuguet, Synodical President;

and Dr. and Mrs. Roy Ward of *Nigeria.* Delegates attended from *Duncan, Sooke,* and *Victoria.* Mrs. James McNeill conducted morning and afternoon Devotionals on the Theme, "The World for Christ". Annual Reports were presented by three helpful and interesting Panel Discussions on "Good News"; "Service"; and "Organizations".

Guest Speaker at the Afternoon Session was Dr. Roy Ward, who showed coloured slides, and told of the Christian work being done, and the great need for workers in *Nigeria* today. At the Evening Session, Dr. J. L. W. McLean conducted Devotions, and Miss Magee told of W.M.S. work on the Jhansi Field; of the great influx of refugees from Tibet, and the challenge of caring for these children. Miss M. Sanson presented an "In Retrospect" of the beginning of W.M.S. work in *British Columbia,* and paid tribute to those who started the work there fifty years ago.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *South Burnaby,* presented a book to Mrs. A. Taylor, on her retirement as Treasurer, after 37 years of faithful and continuous service in that Office. An Address of appreciation was given by Mrs. R. H. Blackstock.

The Installation Service of the Marie Douglas W.M.S. Auxiliary of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *South Burnaby* was held during the evening Service of Worship, when they were joined by the three Church Guilds, and the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary. At their January Meeting, Miss Edith Magee of the Jhansi Field, *India,* told of the work now being done with the 20 refugee children from *Tibet.* The filmstrip, "The Beloved Surgeon", told of Dr. Brand's wonderful Leprosy work at Vellore Christian Hospital, *India,* and showed how new life was being given to hands left useless by leprosy, through his brilliant surgery.

The West Vancouver W.M.S. Auxiliary held a Christmas Luncheon Meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Maddin, when members of Fairview Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* were guests, and the Rev. S. L. McIntyre asked the blessing. Synodical President, Mrs. I. LeHuguet brought greetings, and Mrs. J. R. Gibson sent greetings from *North Galiano Island, B.C.* "Peace" was the theme of the Roll Call. The Christmas Worship Service from "The Glad Tidings" was used; carols were sung; and Mrs. S. L. McIntyre presented the Study. Miss M. C. Williams expressed the Auxiliary appreciation to the hostess.

Dr. Christina Fraser was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* and gave an interesting account of the Pacific North West Missionary Conference in *Tacoma, Wash.,* which she attended. The Theme of this Conference was

"The Mission of the Church". President, Mrs. W. W. Stewart, thanked the Speaker and the Soloist, Mr. C. Lord. The Rev. N. G. Robertson pronounced the Benediction.

Mrs. A. B. Basey was re-elected President at the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* when the Home Helpers attended, and Miss Elsie W. Filmer was presented with a Life Membership and Pin, in recognition of her loyal service. A Message by Mrs. J. Wicks, and a Solo by Mr. W. H. C. Allman, added to the programme. A time of social fellowship followed.

Co-Speakers at the Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* were Mrs. G. M. Bell, Presbyterial Historian, and Mrs. W. M. Walker, Presbyterial Secretary for Promotion and Evening Groups. Mrs. Bell gave an introduction to the W.M.S. Anniversaries in 1964, and outlined the Projects planned; Mrs. Walker told of the growth and expansion of the W.M.S. during those years. Mrs. R. G. Young, Presbyterial Literature and Supply Secretary had a splendid Display of books, and of the Anniversaries' Souvenirs, which created much interest during the Social Hour. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. R. G. Ellis.

This Auxiliary also held a Luncheon, when President, Mrs. S. E. Gunn introduced the guests — Leaders of the Mission Groups of the Church; C.O.C.; Explorers; and C.G.I.T. Miss Ellen Douglas, Westminster Presbytery Deaconess gave the Devotional Service. A warm welcome was given Mrs. George Mitchell, Hospital Visitor, who has been on leave of absence due to illness, while Miss Lily Simpson has been looking after her Hospital visiting. Miss Simpson gave an interesting report of these visits, and gifts were received for the patients.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — At the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Isabel Taylor Group, in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* both C.O.C. and Explorer Groups participated in the interesting Programme, with a colourful Pageant and Songs. Mrs. R. M. Craig explained the "W.M.S. Family" to the children, and Mrs. John Williams, whose husband, Dr. J. Williams, for more than four years served at the Jobat Hospital, *India,* told about Life in *India,* and the customs of its people. Explorer and C.O.C. Leaders gave the Devotional, and Dr. Hadjiantonou closed the evening with prayer.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—"Bless The Lord, Oh My Soul" was the Theme of the 50th Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in *Westmount*

Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* when President, Mrs. G. Scott presided, and Synodical President, Mrs. G. Milson led the Opening Devotions. Mrs. H. Currie conducted the Evening Devotions, and greetings were presented by Rev. I. McSween, B.A., from Presbytery; President, Mrs. Milson, from Synodical; and from Westmount Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. J. Bigelow. Following the presentation of Secretarial Reports, Tea was served by the ladies of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* and later Dinner was served by the *Westmount* Women's Mission Group. Mrs. J. C. Boyd reported the *Regina* W.M.S. Training School; Miss H. Harbeck and Mrs. G. Milson told of the Women's Camp; the *Westmount* W.M.S. Auxiliary led in a Bible Study Period. Mrs. T. Brown was Soloist. Mrs. G. Scott was re-elected President, and the Rev. I. P. McSween, B.A., conducted the Installation of Officers for 1964. The Rev. J. Bigelow pronounced the Benediction.

Seventy-six girls of different denominations, from all over *Northern Alberta,* attended the C.G.I.T. Senior Girls Conference in *Camrose* recently, when the Conference Theme was "The Conference Still Holds Today", and Mrs. G. Milson was the Leader. Other Presbyterians taking part were Mrs. C. Kerr, and Miss Margaret Ironmonger, both of *Edmonton.*

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL—The Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carstairs,* was also the 50th Anniversary Celebration, with flowers decorating the Church, and a special Floral Arrangement presented by Miss A. Carmode, in memory of Past President, Mrs. J. L. Alexander. Mrs. A. Weber read the Auxiliary History, compiled by Mrs. H. Robinson. Miss E. Drysdale, Deaconess from *Red Deer,* gave an interesting Address on "Mission Work in *India, Pakistan,* and *Nepal*". The Golden Anniversary Book was signed by all present. At the Social Hour following, the 50th Anniversary Cake, presented by Mrs. A. Weber, President of *Red Deer* Presbyterial, was cut by Mrs. Weber and Mrs. C. Wight. Tea was poured by Mrs. E. Burton and Mrs. M. J. Young, and a warmly welcomed guest was Mrs. A. L. Maybank, Honorary President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Olds, Alberta.*

Ladies of the W.M.S. Auxiliary joined members of the Ladies Aid, in honoring Miss Mary Richardson, on her 86th Birthday, who is still an active W.M.S. member. Mrs. H. Robinson donated the Special Birthday Cake, and also presented a bouquet of red roses to Miss Richardson, when all joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to a well-loved and honoured guest.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL—The *Smith's Mills* Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Group was organized last September, with nine members, under the Leadership of the Rev. and Mrs.

H. W. Grove. After their Initiation, and the Affiliation Service with the W.M.S., this active little Group contributed $35.00 to the General Fund for Missions; and they have taken part in UNICEF collections on Hallowe'en; in the special Remembrance Day Services with the *Berwyn* Canadian Legion; and observed the National Christmas Vesper Service. A Five Dollar donation went to the *Edmonton* Hospital Visitor to help provide gifts for patients, and Christmas gifts were also sent to the Senior Citizens Home in *Berwyn*. They attended the Interdenominational Rally at *Grimshaw*; observed Christian Youth Week this January; and, in February, planned to observe the Girl's World Day of Prayer Service.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — To meet Miss Agnes Gollan, Missionary on furlough from *Nigeria,* W.M.S. Auxiliary members of Knox and St. Paul's Presbyterian Churches, planned a joint Evening Meeting in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* when Mrs. J. Wiseman presided, and the Theme was "Christ, the Light of the World". C.G.I.T. and Boy Scouts, of Knox Presbyterian Church were also present. Mrs. J. Sisson introduced the Guest Speaker, who told of her work in *Nigeria,* particularly of the Christian Girls' Club, for which she organizes Groups and writes material. This organization is patterned after the C.G.I.T. in *Canada.* Miss Gollan's excellent slides brought *Nigeria* very close to her audience, as she stressed the great need for Christian Leadership in the Church-sponsored Primary Schools with their 60,000 pupils. Since 1954, Canadian Missionaries in *Nigeria* have increased from two to eighteen, but more are definitely needed. Miss M. Gillies thanked the Speaker.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* held their Vesper Service on T.V. Members of this Group also assisted the Senior High Group with the Christmas Eve Service. Visiting older members of the congregation and presenting each with a Church Calendar, was an appreciated Group Project.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — A Teen-Age Rally of over 100 young people, was organized by the C.G.I.T. Group of Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* and held in that Church, with Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., on furlough from *Eastern Nigeria,* the Guest Speaker. A Pot Luck Supper, followed by a Sing-Song led by Mrs. Pearl King, started the Evening's Programme. The C.G.I.T. Group of Goforth Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* conducted the

Worship Service. Illustrating her Address with *Nigerian* pictures, Miss Gollan told of her work in *Nigeria,* as well as her reasons for becoming a Missionary, and the urgent need for more workers in that Field.

The C.G.I.T. Group of Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* had two Overseas Speakers during this year's Mission Study. Mr. Mahabala, of *India,* spoke of his people, their languages, customs, and religions, thus giving a fine introduction to the Study on *India, Pakistan, Ceylon* and *Nepal.* At the conclusion of the Study, Mr. Cyril Nassim, a Presbyterian from *West Pakistan,* spoke about his people and their problems, and especially about the problems of the Christian Church in that land. Mr. Nassim, who is the Grandson of the first convert to Christianity in his part of *West Pakistan,* paid tribute to the Church, and its Organizations, for the help given to refugees, during the partitioning of *India* and *Pakistan,* in 1947.

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WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial, in January, held its Annual Day of Prayer for Presbyterian Women, in First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* with the Theme, "God said let there be light and there was light", and Presbyterial President, Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, presiding. Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones, of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg* led the Prayer for Peace; Miss Isobelle Adam, of St. James Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg led the Prayer for native Christians Overseas; Mrs. A. B. McKay, of St. James Presbyterian Church, gave the Prayer for Overseas National Workers. The Prayer for the Children of the World and their Leaders, was given by Mrs. James Marnoch of St. John's Presbyterian Church. Mrs. W. J. Little of Westwood Presbyterian Church led the Prayer for the Church in Canada; Mrs. G. Robertson, of Calvin Presbyterian Church, gave the Prayer for the Church Universal; Prayer for Thanksgiving was led by Mrs. L. Harbottle of Norwood Presbyterian Church. Mrs. G. Robertson was the Speaker, and the Soloist was Miss W. Whittaker, both of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg.*

At the recent Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* a Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Alexander Calder, in recognition of her years of faithful service in her Auxiliary, by Mrs. A. McKay, in memory of her Mother, the late Mrs. McQuarrie.

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. F. Morden, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Duart* Presbyterian Church, when the Thanksgiving Worship Service published in the October "Glad Tidings" was used, and a Ladies Quartette sang. The Rev. T. Lewis, Guest Speaker, based his Address on the second Chapter of Mark.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent meeting, Mrs. Robert Whyte dedicated the beautiful oak Bible Stand presented to the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* by Miss Agnes McCulloch, in memory of her Mother, Mrs. William McCulloch, a Charter Member of this Church.

A Dessert Luncheon and Social Hour preceded the Thank-Offering Meeting of St. John's Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Grimsby* Presbyterian Church, at which the Thanksgiving Programme was conducted by Mrs. E. A. Morrison, Miss J. MacPhail, and Mrs. T. H. Henry. Three members were honoured by the Auxiliary with the presentation of Life Membership Certificates — Mrs. H. C. Anderson; Mrs. T. H. Henry; and Mrs. H. Topp. The presentations were made by Mrs. J. Dick; Miss M. Lucas; and Mrs. L. McMaine.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Isobel Matheson, Life Membership Secretary, made the Presentation, on behalf of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Goderich,* at its Thank-Offering Meeting, of an Honorary Membership to Mrs. George Stokes, in recognition of her fifteen years of service as Treasurer of her Auxiliary.

Mrs. Fred Knox, Missionary on furlough from *India,* was Guest Speaker at the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the Arnold Circle and the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of Carmel Presbyterian Church, *Hensall.* Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Earl Campbell, Mrs. Gordon Schwalm, Mrs. Bev. Beaton, and Mrs. Orville Taylor, Jr., and the Rev. and Mrs. Ross MacDonald sang a duet. Guests were present from Auxiliaries in the Presbytery and the local Churches.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Chalmers Presbyterian Church was held in the Presbyterian Church, *Whitechurch,* and the Rev. Angus MacKay, on furlough from the *Jhansi Field, India,* was the Guest Speaker. Showing slides of people of many different religions, he gave the highlights and history of our Mission Work in *India,* and showed many interesting souvenirs of *India.* A Social Hour followed.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Belmore,* the Rev. T. E. Kennedy presented an "In Memoriam" in honour of his late wife, whose interest and support were much appreciated by this

Auxiliary. The Mission Band members explained the symbols used in the Church windows and the Explorers presented a review of their Study Book, "Tiger Tail Village."

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—The Kate McIntyre W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Niagara-on-the-Lake,* held its Thank-Offering Meeting in the Kirk Hall, when Mrs. Moore Gordon, recently of *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker, and illustrated her Address with interesting slides of that Mission Field. The Rev. Dr. F. W. Sass opened the Meeting, and Miss Molly Giles conducted the Devotional Period. In the Musical Programme, the Choir contributed an Anthem; Mrs. Frank Moore sang a Solo; C.G.I.T. members sang "The Lord is My Shepherd." Mrs. R. House dedicated the Offering. An Hour of Social Fellowship followed the Meeting.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of *Avonton* Presbyterian Church held their joint Thank-Offering Meeting at a Sunday morning Service in the Church. The Minister, the Rev. R. Bissett, presided, and the Guest Speaker was Mr. Jack Geddes, Missionary Teacher from *Formosa,* presently studying at *Toronto University.* Miss Louise Matchison was Soloist accompanied by Organist, Mrs. Max Aitchison.

At a recent Meeting of the Britton W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church, *Listowel,* four members were presented with Life Membership Certificates — Mrs. Douglas Cleland making the presentation to Mrs. Gordon Alexander; Mrs. George Hamilton; Mrs. Wm. Whitfield; and Mrs. Andrew Rankin.

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — Communion Service, and a Memorial Service, conducted by the Rev. E. Townsley, Rev. W. L. Young, and Rev. W. S. Bell, opened the Annual Meeting of *Barrie* Presbyterial, in Essa Road Presbyterian Church, *Allandale.* President, Mrs. E. McClung, welcomed delegates, and Reports were read and received. At the Afternoon Session, Mrs. Herb Rows and Mrs. Norman Caswell gave the Devotional Period, and the Soloist, Mrs. B. B. Warnica, was accompanied by Mrs. Leslie Walker. Dr. Hugh McMillan, of *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker, introduced by Mrs. A. S. Jenkins, and thanked by Mrs. Ross Adams. The Offertory Prayer was given by Mrs. W. G. Patterson. The Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Mrs. Norris E. Townsley. Mrs. E. McClung, Mrs. A. E. Jenkins, and Mrs. R. H. McKee, were appointed Presbyterial Representatives for the Anniversaries' Celebrations in Montreal in May.

St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary

of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Huntsville,* at a recent Meeting presented a Life Membership Certificate to Miss Dorthea Robson.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* President, Mrs. Howard Hogg, presided; Mrs. E. A. Thompson welcomed delegates, and the Rev. D. G. M. Herron, Th.M., conducted the Service of Worship. Mrs. George Hutton was Soloist. Miss Louise Reith and Miss May Nutt were Guest Speakers, and Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, Immediate Past President of Council, conducted the Election and Installation of Officers. Offertory Prayers were given by Miss Anna Hunter and Mrs. H. McRury, and at the Supper Hour Greetings were received from the Presbytery Moderator; Council; Synodical; and West Toronto Presbyterial. Guest Speaker at the Evening Session was Miss Helen Acton, from the *Bhil Field, India.* Evening Devotions were led by Mrs. J. R. Waldie.

When Miss Mina Nicol, celebrated her 91st Birthday recently, the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Glenview Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* held a Birthday Party in her honour. Miss Nicol still takes an active interest in W.M.S. work, as she has always done.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, Mrs. Harvey Westcott was re-elected President, and the Rev. K. J. Ronney, Presbytery Moderator, conducted the Installation of Officers. Mrs. J. S. MacFarlane, of *Sonya,* led the Morning Devotions, and Mrs. D. Whalen conducted the Memorial Service. During the year, eleven Life Memberships and 22 Seals were given; and Reports showed an increased C.O.C. Membership, and a new Girls' Group at *Uxbridge.* Used Christmas Cards and magazines were sent to Frontier College, and to the Hospital School for Retarded Children.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser, presided at this Annual Meeting in Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, *Orangeville,* and Devotional Periods were led by Mrs. E. Martin, and Mrs. George May. Mrs. S. McNeilly reported on the Anniversary Projects, and read a letter from Winnipeg Fellowship House. An Historical Pageant is planned for the May Rally. Roll Call was answered by an excerpt from The Glad Tidings, or The Record.

At a recent Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Waldemar* Presbyterian Church, President, Mrs. Frank Gamble, and Mrs. John Byers, were presented with Life Membership Certificates and Pins. Mrs. Ross Lomas and Mrs. Clark Rea, made the presentations, and Mrs. Harry Hillis read the Address.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Meeting of Peterborough Presbyterial, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Peterborough,* heard Mrs. Fred Knox, the Guest Speaker, tell of W.M.S. work in *India.* President, Mrs. I. R. Randall presided, and Morning and Afternoon Devotions were conducted by the *Centreville* W.M.S. Auxiliary, and by Mrs. H. G. McKenzie, of the *Fraser* W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. J. Spensely was Soloist; the Rev. Alex Calder brought Presbytery greetings and installed the 1964 Officers. Delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Alex Calder, and the "In Memoriam Service" was conducted by Mrs. A. E. Toombs, of *Campbellford.* Excellent Reports were received from all Secretaries.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The 50th Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Cardinal,* with President, Mrs. Carman Brown presiding, and the Theme, "The Roads Ahead". Guests were present from *Brockville; Westport; Spencerville; Mainsville; Lansdowne; South Mountain; Mountain; Kemptville; Winchester; Dunbar; Winchester Springs; Avonmore; Morrisburg, Iroquois; Chesterville; Moorewood* and *Dixons.* Greetings were brought from Presbytery by the Moderator, Rev. J. Green, and from Synodical by President, Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, of *Montreal.* Devotional Periods were conducted by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Iroquois,* and by Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary. Mrs. Orville Forrester was Soloist. Mrs. George Montgomery presented the 1964 slate of Officers, when Mrs. Orville Forrester, of *Westport* succeeded Mrs. Carman Brown, as President. Mrs. James S. Riddell, of Cardinal, is Honorary President, and was honoured with a corsage when she cut the Birthday Cake at the Anniversary Dinner.

Members of the Young Women's Club of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg,* accompanied by their husbands and friends, visited the Jewish Synagogue, Temple Bethel, in *Cornwall* when Rabbi Matts, conducted the Group through the Synagogue, answered questions regarding the Jewish faith, and explained features of the Synagogue. It was a most interesting occasion.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Over $2,500 was raised in this Presbyterial for the W.M.S. Anniversary Fund—this was announced at the Annual Meeting, in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall.* President, Mrs. Joseph McCleverty chaired both the preceding Executive and the Annual Meeting sessions. Reports were received, and Mrs. D. N. McRae, of *Dunvegan,* was appointed Presbyterial Delegate to the Synodical Annual Meeting, in *Ottawa.* The President will be the Official Delegate to the Annual Council Meeting in *Montreal.* A newly-organized Bursary Fund was established to be awarded to men or women in this Presbyterial, who wish to enter the Ministry, or become Deaconesses. Miss Lois Powrie, of *Ottawa,* the Regional Secretary was a Special Guest. The May Presbyterial Rally in *Finch,* was announced, and the 1964 Executive was Installed by the Rev. W. L. MacLellan, of St. John's Presbyterian Church.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. John Jack, President, of *Forrester's Falls,* presided at the 50th Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Perth,* when 93 members registered, and the Theme was 'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever". Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. W. A. Brunton and Mrs. Archie McRae, of *Smith's Falls;* Mrs. D. L. Elder and Mrs. E. Lowrey, of *Almonte;* Mrs. Gordon Spence and Mrs. Mac McLaren, of *Cobden.* An impressive Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. Arthur Knights and Mrs. Alfred Carmichael, of *Pembroke,* in loving memory of the late Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., M.N.-Sc. of *India,* and thirteen W.M.S. members who had "gone home" during the year. Miss Dorothy Dodds reported on the Anniversaries Celebration Plans.

At the Anniversary Supper, served by the *Perth* Auxiliary the Golden Anniversary of this Presbyterial was marked by a special Birthday Cake, cut by Mrs. James Colhane, of *Renfrew.* Greetings were presented from Presbytery by the Rev. Charles Falconer; from Council, by President, Mrs. A. S. Curr; from Synodical, by Mrs. H. M. Clancy; and from all local Churches. Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, was Guest Speaker, and Installed the 1964 Officers.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. H. Mayhew, President, presided at the Annual Meeting of Quebec Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sherbrooke.* A Memorial Service was held in remembrance of former members, Mrs. George Stevenson and Mrs. H. Gilbert, and Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. Philip Boy, of *Scotstown,* and Miss Eileen Ennabs. Synodical President, Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, *Montreal* was Guest Speaker, introduced by Mrs. W. Laurison, and spoke on "The Place of Missions in a Changing World". Miss Thelma Crawford was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. A. McCombie, and the Vote of Thanks was given by Mrs. S. McKelvie. Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary spoke on "The Church and Christian Education". Sectional and Departmental Reports were received, and the Officers for 1964 were Installed by the Rev. Alex McCombie. The May Rally will be held in Sherbrooke, May 31st.

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PSALM 20: 2:— "The Lord . . . . send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion."

SOME TIME AGO, a small boy, whose home was in Port Cartier, one of the new communities on the North shore of the lower St. Lawrence, was brought by his Mother to see the sights of downtown Montreal for the first time. Mother and son made an appealing picture as they walked together along Sherbrooke Street. The little boy was duly instructed on the meaning of the towering apartment buildings, the glittering shop windows, the pillared portico of the Museum of Fine Arts. Presently, they stood in front of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. There was a brief pause as the little boy tried to see the top of the Gothic tower, and as he tried to comprehend the great facade looming above him. Then, there followed a typical, direct, little boy's question: "Mother, what's in there?"

This, I submit, is a good question. What *is* in there? What's in a Church? Once upon a time, some 1900 years ago, another Mother and another Son stood in front of another sanctuary, the Temple in Jerusalem. Is it presumptuous, I wonder, for me to suggest that that other Son may have put the same question: "Mother, what's in there?" Presently, we are told, the lad Jesus received answers so intriguing that he remained in the Temple, among Doctors of Divinity, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

To return to our own time, we are approaching a gala occasion when women from all parts of Canada, members of Women's Missionary Auxiliaries of our Presbyterian Church, will be gathering in Montreal. The purpose of their meeting is to celebrate two Anniversaries, the more important being the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of their Society. As the delegates and their friends walk along Sherbrooke Street, they will come presently to The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, where the Services of the Anniversaries are to be held. Like the small boy from Port Cartier, and the other small Boy from Nazareth, they may well ask the question: "What's in there?" We might well make reply in the words spoken by the Psalmist in our text: "The Lord . . . send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion." What precisely can we look for in a Church, say this particular Church, on so historic an occasion as now confronts us?

I) For one thing, a Church offers us a legacy of great memories. We realize, of course, that a visible Church helps us to maintain a fellowship which must be invisible. When the boy Jesus went up to the Temple on Zion, he was made to remember kings who had builded there, prophets who had preached there, martyrs who had died there. Dramatically and unforgettably, he was put in touch with his people's yesterdays, yesterdays which would give meaning to his own tomorrows.

In this latter time, we still need the ministry of great memories. What's in a Church? Memories, of course, memories of yesterdays to give meaning to our tomorrows. Within The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, what memories we have! There are memories of heroism. Battle honours of a famous regiment, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of

Canada, hang in the still air of the chancel and attest the valour of young warriors who went forth from this place to defend Sovereign and Country. And there are other, invisible, battle honours of other heroic souls who have gone forth from this place in the service of One who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. . . . In this Church, too, there are memories of Apostles and Saints. In the great windows which illumine chancel and nave, we see the Saints in glory — St. Andrew, who brought his brother to the Master and calls us to practice brotherhood, — St. Paul, who insisted that the Church should serve new frontiers and calls us to the same task, —St. Columba of Iona who carried to Scotland a Gospel at once mystical and practical, and calls us both to worship and to work. . . . In this Church, too, are memories of illustrious personalities who have worshipped here. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, several Governors General of Canada, scholars, educators, leaders of the community, Moderators of the Church in Canada, and representatives of Christ's Churches all over the world, — all these have made their devotions within these storied walls. And all these have suggested by their presence the truth of St. Paul's mighty affirmation: "There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

What's in a Church? Why, memories, of course, — living, luminous memories. When the delegates gather for the great celebrations of the Women's Missionary Society, they will feel such memories, and add a rich store of their own as well. They will remember gallant and great-hearted souls who, throughout the Society's 100 years, builded better than they knew. They will remember enterprises conceived in prayer, realized in labour, flourishing now in strength and grace. They will remember not only great leaders but a host of unknown, unheralded saints who struggled, loved, achieved in obscurity, but whose deeds were not hidden from the recording angels of the Lord. . . . Memories! Memories! A Church must ever be a treasury of such riches. In this Church, during the celebrations, delegates will find themselves murmuring, "Thou shalt remember all the way that the Lord thy God led thee. . . ."

II) In the second place, we find in the Church not only a legacy of great memories, but also the light of earnest consecration. The word "consecrate" may be traced to the Latin roots "con-sacrare", meaning literally "to make sacred together". In The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, as in all churches, many persons across the years have worked and prayed together, and have so created an atmosphere of sacredness together. This Church is a sanctuary, not through any magical or ceremonial rite, but through the grace of God, and the will of devout people. Inevitably, the outward and visible Church reflects this inner and spiritual consecration. The walls suggest the shelter of the Christian hope, the arches soar upwards like prayer, the great windows are luminous like faith. In such a place of consecration, men have found new reason for living, women have learned new tenderness and love, the aged have been blessed with peace, the young have been inspired, the sick have been healed, the sinful have been forgiven, and the sorrowing have been consoled.

In the gala days of the Anniversaries, as members of the Women's Missionary Society gather here, they, too, will feel the presence of the sacred. In such a spiritual climate, they will seek to consecrate themselves, perhaps more fully than they have ever done before. They will realize the need for keener vision, deeper wisdom, holier love, greater sacrifice.

Whenever I think about consecration, I recall a familiar story about two clergymen, one a Roman Catholic and the other a Protestant, who went to a prize-fight. Presently, the two fighters came into the ring and, as one stood in his corner, he crossed himself. Said the Protestant clergyman to his Roman Catholic friend, "Father, I see that one man crossed himself. Will that help him?" And the priest replied, "It will, brother,— if he can fight!"

A somewhat earthy story? Yes, — but it has its point. We in the Church have our symbols and services of consecration, — our seasons of special thanksgiving and dedication. Do they help? Yes, — if afterwards we can go out into the arena of the world and fight for a kingdom and a cause!

III) What's in a Church? We have spoken of the legacy of great memories, of the light of earnest consecration. Let us come now to the heart of the matter. In the Church, we confront not only a legacy and a light, but also a Lord. In the Church, we discover not only something but Someone. Here is the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, — Christ's Church!

In one of the most poignant of the New Testament stories, we are told how Martha of Bethany said to her sister, "The Master is here and calleth for you". To all the sisters of Martha who will gather in The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, we dare to say, "The Master is here, in this Church, and calleth for you." In the great chancel window which gives character to the Church, you may see Our Lord, surrounded by great souls, attended by valiant men who embraced His cause, waxed valiant in battle, and wrought mighty victories. Above the warriors stands Our Lord, in the glistening white robes of The Transfiguration, a nimbus of golden glory about His head. His arms are outstretched in greeting, and He seems to call us, saying, "Come, enlist in my cause and share my battle, that one day you may also know my victory!"

PRAYER

by MRS. W. H. (TENA) MITCHELL

Our God and Heavenly Father, Thou Who art a spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth, we bow before Thee in reverence, humility, and profound thankfulness. In humility, because of our unworthiness in having left undone so many things we should have done to further Thy kingdom. In thankfulness, for all Thy goodness to us, and for the various ways in which Thou hast led and guided our beloved Society, throughout the past One Hundred Years. It is because of Thy continuing guidance and abundant mercy that we will be enabled to meet in worship and fellowship, to celebrate together this One Hundredth Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

One hundred years ago, into the hearts and minds of a small group of women, Thou didst put a desire and longing to send the message of Christ's love, and His Gospel, to those who had never heard of Christ. The inspiration and the enthusiasm of these few women spread throughout our Dominion. The Women's Missionary Society of our Presbyterian Church was organized, and we praise and thank Thee, our Father, for all that the faithful women of the Society have accomplished through prayer and earnest endeavour during all the years, as Thou hast pointed out the way, and guided them therein.

Lives have been changed; souls have been saved; Hospitals have been opened, and through them physical and mental healing has been accomplished. Our thanks rise to Thee, dear Father, for the true devotion of so many women, who gave, and are still giving, unselfishly of their time and talents to the business administration of the Society. This is steadfastly carried on through members of Council, Council Executive, Synodicals and Presbyterials, with the earnest co-operation of all our Auxiliaries and younger Organizations, and all of this is done, year by year, in Thy Name, and by Thy Grace.

We rejoice that, throughout the years, many young women have offered their lives for Overseas service, and also for Deaconess and other work in Thy service in the Homeland. Through our Missionary and Deaconess Training School (now Ewart College) these young women have been fitted for Christian service Overseas and in Canada. For each and every one of

these faithful workers, we praise and thank Thee, O God. May their reward be "souls won for Thee".

As we now enter another Century, we pray, our Father, that the Motto of our Society will ever continue to be "The World for Christ". Knowing that in Christ's love and sacrifice there is salvation for all the peoples of the earth, we beseech Thee, our dear Lord, to hasten the day when, by the power of the Holy Cross, Thy peace will come to the nations of the whole world, and that all will be one in Christ.

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise." Amen

(Mrs. Mitchell, who has prepared this Prayer for our Anniversary Issue, in point of service and unflagging interest in W.M.S. work, is one of our oldest members. As a young girl, she was an active Mission Band Officer, and later, long before 1925, she became Mission Band Secretary on Toronto Presbyterial. In 1925, she was Recording Secretary of the Provincial Society, resigning from that Office in 1934, to accept an Appointment on Council Executive, first as Welcome and Welfare Secretary, and later as Deaconess Secretary, in which position she continued until her retirement in 1945. Mrs. Mitchell is a Charter Member of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto.)

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MOTHER OF MINE

(Mother's Day — May 10, 1964)

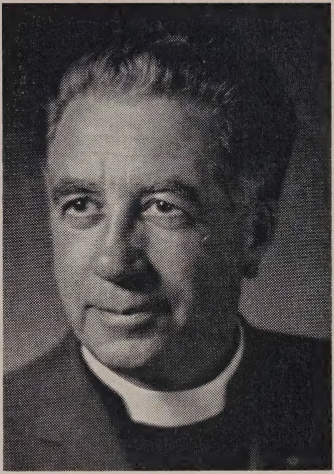
My wayward feet in the far-off days,
Mother of mine,
You led in ever the safest ways,
Mother, mother of mine!
You taught me praise, and you taught me prayer
Mother of mine,
And a simple faith in a Father's care,
Mother, mother of mine!
You bade me rise from the common clod,
Mother of mine,
To purer heights on the hills of God,
Mother, mother of mine!

(Lillian Leveredge)

GREETINGS!

From the Moderator of the
89th General Assembly of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada,

The Rev. HARRY LENNOX, C.D., B.A., D.D.



DR. H. LENNOX

When, in 1864, a group of ladies organized a Ladies Auxiliary Association to assist the Church of Scotland in its French Mission work, they had caught the vision that comes to those who give themselves to God in Christ — that the Church, as she is true to her high calling, must ever keep before her the winning of the whole world for Jesus Christ. They could hardly have envisaged the present growth of the Church's work in Canada and Overseas. They would have joyed to know the extent and variety of the witness of the Women's Missionary Society through the next hundred years.

Today, the whole Church gives thanks to our Heavenly Father for the faithful, and oftimes sacrificial, service and labours of so many, throughout the busy and challenging years of the past Century. In season and out of season, in peace and in war, through prosperous days and days of economic depression, through crises in the Church and in the world, the women of the Women's Missionary Society have laboured to maintain and further our Missionary obligation.

There is a tendency, in our time, to surrender to the pressures of the secular world, and to have our concept of service and Missionary zeal overshadowed and watered-down by the claims of expediency and efficiency. Undoubtedly, it is most important that we should avoid waste; that we should keep abreast of our modern world in administrative "know-how", making maximum use of every progressive means for the furtherance of our Cause; but we must, above all things else, if we are to be true to our heritage, and worthy successors of those who have gone before us, take care to keep foremost our Missionary obligation.

Jesus Christ commanded his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature". The early Church did just that. The great apostle Paul saw a vision of the man of Macedonia calling out, "Come over and help us". For Paul, it was the cry of the needy souls of all men everywhere, and he literally gave his life that the Gospel might be preached to them. This is the very nature of the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord — it is Missionary; it must be aggressive; it cannot rest on past or present accomplishments; it must be ever advancing, and never be at rest until it has encompassed the world, and Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

We thank God for the splendid witness of the Missionary-minded women of our beloved Church, during the Century behind us. It is our earnest prayer that, in the years before, you may, by the grace of God, be adding even greater chapters to a splendid record, to the end that Jesus Christ, our Lord, may be crowned King and Head in the lives of all men, everywhere.

KEEP THESE DATES !

May 8-9-10, 1964

The Anniversaries Celebration — the 100th Anniversary
and the 50th Anniversary
in Montreal, Quebec
at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

May 11-12, 1964

The Annual Meeting of Council

Brief Business Meeting, immediately following
close of Anniversaries Celebration,
at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

Theme — "The World For Christ"

GREETINGS!

From the Corresponding Secretary, MRS. H. HOWARD BLACK,

Department of Women's Work, North American Area,
The World Presbyterian Alliance.

The joy of celebrating two Anniversaries at one time is a great one, and, when those two represent a century of continuing concern, one realizes the tremendous heritage which is yours! In our mind's eye, can't you see, clearly, women who have served faithfully through the years — women who knew their greatest possession to be the knowledge of God's abiding love made known in Jesus Christ, a knowledge making them restless of heart until they themselves became involved in proclaiming that love in Canada and throughout the world?

And today, from the vantage point of those one hundred years, you will rightly pause to give thanks to God, for the vision and aching concern of those women. And then, strengthened, you will look ahead in renewed dedication and commitment to the task which they, and you, have set for yourselves — "The World for Christ"!

Attending a Symphony Concert recently, I became completely absorbed, at one point, in watching the drummer. Despite the full volume of intense music around him, he seemed totally concerned only with his own task. For a moment he would disappear, then his head would rise above the drums quickly, only to disappear again. With firm sureness a moment later, at the conductor's signal, he struck the drums, producing a tone which gave immediate depth and vibrancy to the music surrounding him. Only then did I realize that in the moments preceding he had been tuning his drums to that which he knew to be the true tone — and, when they were in tune with the melody which he knew himself to be a part of, then he played with sureness! Needed, more drummers! May we, as Christian women surrounded by the noisy demands of the world, quietly tune our lives to Christ and His high purpose, so that we may strike the right note when He calls us. And call He does indeed, in the Missionary task of proclaiming and demonstrating His love for the world.

It is my joy to greet you, in the name of the women of our Reformed and Presbyterian tradition in North America and the Caribbean, as we are united in the North American Area of the World Presbyterian Alliance — to give thanks for your faithfulness, and to urge you on into the days that lie ahead. In our Christian fellowship we are indestructibly one, despite the miles which may separate us; the customs which may change; and the varying forms our organizations may take. We are one in Him, and in that oneness each of us moves a little more firmly, more surely, and more confidently, into the tasks which Christ would set before us.

May the theme of the 19th General Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance, meeting in Frankfurt this summer, be your prayer at the threshold of your second century — "Come, Creator Spirit!"

(Ada Sherwin Black)

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Your Prayers are asked

—For the National Staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), that the celebration of the 100th, and the 50th, Anniversaries, in Montreal, will give to each one a very real sense of satisfaction and pride, to have been a part of the great team of National Workers throughout the past Century, who have strengthened the Christian witness of the Nation.

—Also that this occasion will be the stimulus in creating a new vision of what "Obedience to Mission", and the responsibility involved, really means to them, personally, and especially to all whom they serve in a rapidly developing Canada in the next decade, and in an unsettled world.

—For all who will participate in the Anniversaries' Celebrations in Montreal, that our heritage from the past may indeed be an inspiration for the future.

—For all women's organizations around the world, who join with us in observing this year of Anniversaries, that they and we may receive God's guidance to go forward into more earnest and effective service.

—Let us give thanks to God for the way in which He has called the women of the United Church of Northern India in Jhansi; in the Bhil country; of the Formosan Presbyterian Church; of the Guiana Presbyterian Church; of the Korean Christian Church in Japan and of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria to a knowledge of His love and power. Pray that as women around the world we may all be used for His purposes and His glory.

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GOD SPEAKS !

Be still and know
That God is in His world,
Though clouds shut out the light
Though wars and sadness stalk.
And all is night.

Be still and know
That God is in His World,
God speaks but none may hear
That Voice, unless he have
The listening ear. (Selected)

You — and your Adult Group

"PLANNING TO BE IN MONTREAL FOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, BEST WISHES"!

MOLLIE HARBACK — JEAN McLAGAN — MAISIE McCHASNEY

When we were asked to write our thoughts regarding our planned visit to Montreal to attend the Anniversary Celebrations, we hesitated, for our thinking in this regard had gone no further than what is contained in the wording of the imaginary telegram which makes up our title. However, we agreed to the assignment, probably because, like the small child in the cartoons, we believed that "security" lay in the knowledge that the dead-line was far off. But that feeling of security soon vanished as we tried to sort out our thoughts and put them into some orderly fashion, so that we might let you know what we anticipated might take place at the forthcoming celebration.

After all, none of us has ever had anything to do with a one hundredth birthday party! We have read about them in the Local Press, and according to the Press Reporters, here in Alberta at any rate, there would appear to be a certain stereotyped pattern for these affairs.

Usually the dear old centenarian is photographed with an arm full of flowers, dressed in her most resplendent garment, sitting in a comfortable chair. Well, we expect that we will be dressed in our best. We believe that there might be some flowers (not too many, for we can see the treasurer looking over her account books) but we earnestly hope that nobody will put us in an easy chair. We believe that our Society has to appear more forward-looking and ambitious than that. One hundred years is a great age for an individual, it is even considerable for a Society; but the individual naturally looks for the end of her life in the comparatively near future; whereas a Society like ours, should only be hesitating for a brief period, to consider the past and plan for the future.

The writer of the newspaper article usually puts in a paragraph regarding the physical and mental status of the celebrant — quite often she (we are using the feminine throughout) is physically impaired, but is always reported to be mentally alert. We are expecting some such statement regarding our W.M.S., and we do wonder what an honest description of our state of health might be. For we, the members, *are* the Society, and we expect, yes, even hope, that perhaps, along with the happy celebration of this birthday, will go some self-searching and analysis, and some serious thought regarding our health, at this time in our history.

Anyone who has lived for so many years will have been expected to have accomplished something worthwhile. Reporters are invariably kind about this, but we suspect that quite often the achievements have been embellished a wee bit in order to please the honoured Senior Citizen, and the relatives. As far as this is concerned, we require no kindness, nor any stretch of the imagination on the part of the "Fourth Estate." For our mothers, and theirs, worked with zeal and sacrifice for the extension of His Kingdom, and although they perhaps did not recognize the success of their labours, history will record it. This Anniversary Celebration will have, as a feature, such historical documents; no doubt there will be pageants and other dramatic presentations, portraying past struggles and glories so that all will know how well the foundations have been laid, and how great is the challenge facing us today.

Usually the Honored One is asked to what factor her longevity can be attributed. The replies are usually so varied that anyone making a study of them would find it hard to find a pattern to live by. We read of the value of "hard work" and the merit of "rest." There are those who have trusted in "lots of food" and those who recommend "diet." Some are for "total abstinence" while others quote "a little wine for thy stomach's sake."

It is perhaps inevitable that this question will be asked with reference to our Society, and we wonder what the answer will be. Why has the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada carried on for one hundred years? In our case, too, there will be a variety of answers, not necessarily contradictory, but likely each will be correct, though not giving the whole answer. We would think, too, that this query will be handled in many ways; that the answer will not be direct, but will be interwoven into the many aspects of the three days of celebration.

We seem to think that no birthday party is complete without a cake, but perhaps our Society will forego this item, and we will not be disappointed if it is omitted, but it would be a poor party without a gift. We hope and pray that the gift has been made — that the Anniversary Projects will have been completed — our gift to our Society and to our Master.

The Press likes to mention the relatives who come to celebrate with the "Grand Old Lady", and here we will be in our glory. For they will be coming from across Canada, and from far-away places. Without these "relatives" (and we are the W.M.S. family) it would be a sorry event indeed. This is the real magnet that draws us to The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal, Quebec, on May 8th through 10, 1964 — the fellowship, the gathering together in His Name. We have shared this joy on past occasions, and at different levels, as we have travelled the W.M.S.

path through the years, and we are assured within our own hearts that this Anniversary Gathering will be the utmost in our experience of Christian Fellowship.

It seems that it is customary for those who return to the ancestral home, and for those who visit it for the first time, to be given an opportunity to see the sights, especially those which relate to our background. Perhaps there will be some arrangement for us to see the points of interest (although we understand there are certain places of entertainment in every big city not suitable for staid, proper ladies like ourselves!)

Naturally, anyone who has a birthday is the recipient of greetings, but great age brings messages from important personages throughout the land. There are those who are honoured with word from Her Majesty and from the lesser Heads of State, but the most important Congratulations come from those who are near and dear — those who know about the Birthday because they are beloved and loving. So it will be. Our Society will doubtless receive messages from people in high places, but she will be most touched by those simple greetings, perhaps not expressed in words, but permeating the sessions, through the sure knowledge that here and there throughout Canada are small groups of women and individuals who will be remembering our Society in prayer, and with affection during these days and in the days to come.

In truth, we cannot tell you what we do expect at, and of, this Anniversary Celebration! Our plans have been made with confidence, because, as we have mentioned, experience has taught us that the W.M.S. gatherings have been times of joy and inspiration. Our fellowship together, in His Name, has been a wondrous thing, and so we look forward to the One Hundredth Anniversary of our Society, believing completely in His promise that where two or three (or hundreds) are gathered together in His Name, there He will be in the midst. We look forward to knowing, once again, the great power of His Presence in association with our sisters from across the Dominion, our Missionaries and our friends from other lands, as we review the past, assess the present, and prepare to face the challenge of the future, and to proclaim once again to all who will hear, our sole and sincere purpose, to win "THE WORLD FOR CHRIST."

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OUR GUIDE

If we were left to tread alone
  The thorny path of life,
We could not hope to meet, with calm,
  Temptation, trial, and strife.

But He who gave His life for us
  Is ever at our side—
We have His blest assurance
  That He will be our Guide.

GREETINGS

From the Women's Missionary Society
Eastern Division
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
MRS. D. R. (MARY T.) MACLEAN
President

To the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) from the Woman's Missionary Society (Eastern Division) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Christian greetings!

We rejoice in the Anniversaries of the Missionary Work of our beloved Church, which you are celebrating in May of this year of our Lord, 1964, in Montreal; that is, the 100th Anniversary since the beginning of organized work in Montreal, and the 50th Anniversary since the formation of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.)

The past is much with us at this time, and we are grateful for the history of successful endeavour, which it brings to mind. The present, with its celebrations and fellowship, makes our hearts glad; and the future is bright — brighter than ever with the promises of God. These promises we know have been fulfilled in the past, over and over, and will continue to be fulfilled in the future, if we are faithful and obedient to Him. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12: verses 1 and 2).

As we look backward, we give thanks; in the present, we rejoice in worship and fellowship together; and to the future, we look with faith and confidence. And in all we do, we seek to glorify His matchless Name, Who is the King and Head of the Church, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Keep me quiet, Master,
Patient day by day,
When I would go faster,
Teach me Thy delay.
Restless, oft I borrow
From the future care.
Teach me that to-morrow
Shall its burden bear.

From Thy full provision
Daily richly fed,
By Thy clearer vision
Ever safely led,
Let me to my brothers
Turn a face serene,
Sharing thus with others
Peace from the Unseen.

(Selected)

GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

MRS. A. S. CURR

Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

MRS. A. S. CURR

Many months have passed since we started preparations for the celebrations of our One Hundredth Anniversary. How quickly the time has passed — and now we stand on the threshold of that happy and important event!

As we draw near to this celebration, our minds turn to the past, and we are reminded of the debt we owe to countless unknown women who, by their vision, courage, and sacrifice, have bequeathed to us a great heritage. This heritage is the result of *Faith's Vision.*

Looking at the Present, we are very conscious that we are facing the winds of Change, but we must remember that we are also facing the winds of *Challenge,* and unlimited *Opportunity.*

Looking at the Future, we see needs greater than ever before in our history. Our Theme, "*The World for Christ*", is a Divine call to us to go forward, with an enlarged vision; a new rededication of ourselves; a greater sense of stewardship.

Are we keeping faith with the Missionaries we have sent forth in the Name of our Lord, and under our direction at home and Overseas? Have we been willing to go the second mile to meet the needs of others, to whom we have made commitments? This time of Anniversary Celebration should also be a time of self examination.

As we near the time of our Anniversary Celebrations, I would ask all of you to be much in prayer, for Miss Margaret Kennedy, our Theme Speaker, and for all who will take part.

To those of you, who will be unable to attend, will you be much in prayer during those dates of May 8, 9, and 10th, and also during the two days of the Annual Council Meeting, May 11th and 12th?

LOOKING TWO WAYS!

An Anniversaries' Message
from
(Mrs. A. R.) MURIEL L. McMURRICH
President of Council — 1939-1944

These words came to mind, as I sat collecting my thoughts for this brief message which I have been asked to prepare for this Anniversaries Number of "The Glad Tidings". I wish to say "thank you" for being thus honoured, especially as, for health reasons, it is improbable that I shall be present in Montreal, to attend any of the Meetings — except in spirit. I shall be praying for God's richest blessings on these unusual and important Meetings.

I am remembering, so vividly, the mid-1920's, and my first experience, as the newly-appointed Secretary for India on Council Executive, in attendance at the meetings of The General Board of Missions. I was feeling strange and bewildered, as it was soon after suffering sore bereavement, through the sudden passing of my husband, yet thankful that he had known and approved of my new interests and responsibilities, in which I was well launched during our last weeks together.

Soon after the Opening of the first Meeting, Dr. Jonathon Goforth was led into the room. All stood to greet him. He was smiling, though he was totally blind. He was a living example of the triumph of the spirit over the flesh! Always, I shall remember those moments, and their effect on my life and character.

Anything that one has been able to give, or to do, or to be, in connection with the work of the Women's Missionary Society, counts as the merest fraction, in comparison with the benefits and blessings received.

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What Is This Among 30,000 Members?
Are We Going To Achieve Our Objective?

THINKING ABOUT THOSE ANNIVERSARIES!

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

It is a wonderful thing to be able to look back over a hundred years — whether it be in the life of a Nation; a person; or a Society. Especially is this true, perhaps, when it is the years of growth and accomplishment, and the experiences, of a Society such as ours which we look back upon, as we shall do when we celebrate our two historic Anniversaries in Montreal, this year — and as we have been doing all during the months of preparation for these! Through those hundred years, what changes there have been, what triumphs and disappointments; what rejoicings and what sorrows! There have been the times of privations and set-backs; the times of advance and prosperity; Officers have come and gone — steadfast Christian women of vision and sturdiness, all of them; but always the Work has gone on, with other Presbyterian women rising to take their place, and to hold high the torch of Faith.

Always, the strivings and the plannings have been for one great purpose; each year adding just a little more of strength, and fortitude, and vision, to the firm foundations already laid; one year building upon the other with added vigour and devotion, in the great endeavour to bring ever nearer and nearer the longed-for fruition of our one dedicated Missionary Aim — to bring into living reality that Motto, which every member, then as now, seeks to bear within her heart — "The World For Christ."

Now, it is as if we stood, for a little while, quietly pausing in the broad archway between the past and the present — a familiar and well-trodden road stretching into the years behind us; a bright and shining pathway leading onward into the challenging and unknown horizons of the years far ahead. In this memorable moment, we are remembering all the years through which the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada have worked together, and always in response to a vital need; how they have regularly met together and prayed together, through the good times and the difficult times alike; how they have experienced always the value of co-operation and fellowship, and the deep heart-warming reward which always comes from the giving of one's best in the Service of the King.

It is with God's blessing, His unfailing guidance, and His divine patience with our shortcomings, that we have reached these milestones in our W.M.S. history. Let us earnestly pray that, with the years, our vision has deepened; our hearts become more understanding and devoted; and that, in the years to come, our work will steadily broaden and grow in worth, both in our own Canada and Overseas. It is a time, for all of us, of thankfulness and rejoicing in deep sincerity, and a full realization of what these years of concentrated effort have meant to us, as well as for an honest personal evaluation of what our own contribution to this work has been.

And what of the pathway, which opens up before us as we stand upon that solid doorstep of the years gone by, seeking to look into the years which lie ahead? We know that it is as full of promise as the years behind us have been filled with purpose and accomplishment. So much ahead for Missionary-minded women in these uncertain and awakening times — more, perhaps, and in far wider scope, than ever before in the history of our W.M.S., and of our Church! Isn't it a glorious thought that, even as He has done in the past, God will surely point out the way He would have us go in the days ahead? We have no doubts about that — provided we have the ears to hear, and the faith to accept and obey.

To us, who today form the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has been passed the shining torch of the Living Message, and, with it, the enduring trust of all those brave and valiant hearts who laid for us these firm and sure foundations, knowing full well that those who came after them would not falter or fail, or ever weary in the upholding of that torch. Nor will we! Let us look ahead together, clearly and purposefully seeing as far as possible into those beckoning horizons of the coming years; let us determine to rise to those privileges and opportunities which are before us in this day and age, and let us see afresh the Light that shineth for us there, as we seek to send the message of God's love and salvation into all the dark places of this troubled and seeking world.

How can we do this? Only by re-affirming our faith, our convictions, and our comradeship in God's work; by placing our hands humbly in the guiding Hands of God — following where and how He leads us, both in our Missionary task for Him, and in our own personal lives. In God's keeping, and as His chosen way is revealed to us, we shall go on from strength to strength, as the years of greater wisdom and judgement open up before us, with their infinite possibilities and needs. Only so, shall we be fulfilling the vision and ideals of those pioneer Missionary women of 1864, who left to us this priceless heritage of Service and of Faith.

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SAFETY !

Oh the rain and the sun; the sun and the rain;
When the tempest is done, then the sunshine again;
And in safety we'll come through the stormiest gales
For God's Hand's on the helm, His Breath in the sails.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS 1963

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Toronto, Ontario

Albin, Miss Mary
Toronto, Ontario

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Windsor, Ontario

Cairns, Mrs. R. M.
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Cullingworth, Mrs. Hazel
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Doherty, Mrs. W. H.
Hamilton, Ontario

Gillies, Miss Mildred
Toronto, Ontario

Gordon, Mrs. Samuel
Toronto, Ontario

Hallworth, Mrs. C. K.
Toronto, Ontario

Hamilton, Mrs. Kent
Hamilton, Ontario

Hooey, Miss Madeline
Toronto, Ontario

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Montreal, Quebec

Johnston, Mrs. James
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Karn, Mrs. William
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Kincaird, Mrs. Marian
Belmont, Ontario

Kinsman, Mrs. J. D.
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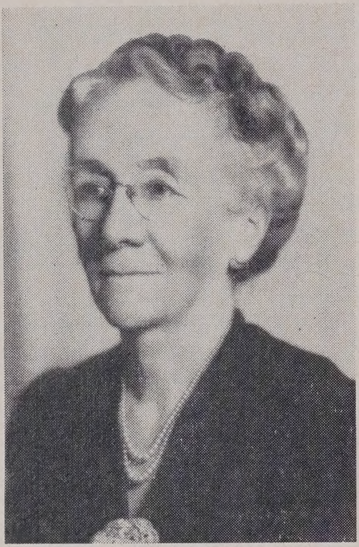
Yuil, Mrs. Winnifred W.
Melita, Manitoba

Zinn, Mrs. Elmer
Belmore, Ontario

OUR LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS



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Mrs. A. R. McMurrich

1944-1948
Mrs. J. G. Inkster

1948-1953
Mrs. A. W. Pae

1953-1957
Mrs. W. R. Adamson

1957-1961
Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson

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Anniversary Corner

MANDATE FOR THE 2nd CENTURY

1864-1964 1964-2064

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

in consultation with the Anniversaries' Committee.

"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations." With the words of the 89th Psalm on their lips, the women of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada began the Service of Worship, in 1914, which marked the beginning of their unified Society, and the anniversary of 50 years of missionary work.

In the articles which have appeared in these pages over the past two years, we have constantly looked backward, to the origins of the Society, to its founders and key leaders, to the beginnings of work in Canada and Overseas, to the women who carried on the traditions through the end of the 19th Century, and on into the 20th. But in this last article we would be remiss if we did not look ahead to the years of work and witness opening before us.

"I *will make known* Thy faithfulness to all generations" — the Psalmist used the future tense! He was aware of the ever urgent need to witness. So it was for the women of 1864, in a land hovering on the borderline between pioneer colony and emerging nationhood; so it was for the women of 1914, hovering on the brink of the world's greatest cataclysm, the Great War; so it is for us today, in a world teetering on the edge of unrelieved materialism, racial and economic strife, and thermonuclear destruction.

Several months ago, one of our older and respected W.M.S. members, Mrs. J. G. Inkster, a former President of the Society, wrote these words to the Anniversary Committee: "We look back with gratitude and pride upon the achievements of the W.M.S. pioneers of our first century. They were women of foresight, initiative, and courage. Are we of today showing the same characteristics? Surely they are needed in these changed and still changing times. I hope that this Anniversary will not close merely with praises for the past, but with a definite challenge for the future — no matter what the cost — of change perhaps? . . . My hope is that the Anniversary will close with a mandate for the 2nd century of our W.M.S."

A "Mandate for the 2nd Century" — this is a stirring idea. With the faith, conviction, and outgoing love of our predecessors behind us, what is the strategy, what are the needs, for the second hundred years of outreach through the women of the Church?

Perhaps in no other decade of Christian history have there been such dynamic changes in the thinking and strategy of churches. This change is seen in both older "sending" churches and new "receiving" churches, as they see their missionary responsibility as the central focus of the Church, rather than as an area apart from the central stream of church life. "How many still think in terms of so many Fields, Mission 'Stations' with familiar names, and Missionaries marked out as 'our own'? It is a formidable task to help ministers and congregations . . . to realize that the mission as a separate entity is lost in the Church, that the denominational loyalty gives way to co-operation and that frontiers of Missionary service are always changing and expanding." *Do we, as a Women's Missionary Society in 1964, understand these changes, and how are we meeting them?

"Woman power" is needed! The power of individual women with strong Christian faith and a deep concern to give evidence of this faith in all aspects of life. If such dedicated power of all the women in the Presbyterian Church in Canada was applied, there would be no lack of recruits to meet the constant need for staff to serve in Overseas lands or in Canada, or lack of the financial support to send them.

Many women of this day, within the Women's Missionary Society, are giving generously to make possible the maintenance of the work to which the Society is committed. A generous response came to the Special Anniversary Projects, but the joy of the coming Anniversaries' Celebrations was dimmed by the fact that 1963 contributions to the General Fund fell short by some $26,000 of the amount needed to meet expenditures required to maintain commitments.

The goal of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) has always been to engage the informed, enthusiastic support of the women, girls, and children, of the Church, in making Christ known to the world. Never before has there been greater need for such a ministry, and for a knowledge of the world's crying needs in this troubled generation. How can we best inform and kindle a passion in the minds and hearts of our people? This surely is imperative for our "mandate."

Think of the goal indicated above — "to engage the informed, enthusiastic support of the women, girls and children of the Church in making Christ known to the world" — How far we are from achieving that goal!

In this Anniversary year a request has come to the Women's Missionary Societies of the Church from the Administrative Council — "to make a survey of the work of women in the Church and to submit proposals concerning the future of the work." The Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., has agreed to do this. Following the Anniversary and Council meetings in Montreal, this study will begin in earnest. In that study, we ask the sincere cooperation of all concerned women in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, that we may be guided to find how women may participate most effectively in the great task the Church is called upon to undertake in this day.

The closing words of "No Time To Falter", the mission report of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, can surely be applied to every member of our Society, as we look out on our 2nd Century:—"The Church would have a much simpler life if God would leave the world alone. But He is forever stirring it up, breaking down the old patterns and building new ones, shaking the foundations of complacency and creating new men out of those who were slaves. The revolutionary changes of our generation are God's doing, even though men make a mess of them at every point. The church is not called in such days to sit back and wail; that is, to tell God He doesn't know what He is doing, but to wade into the thick of the battle, declaring God's grace and salvation to His turbulent creatures. . . The frontiers of the mind and spirit are waiting for those with the courage to go adventuring for the Kingdom of God."

What, after all, is a *mandate*? It is "a command from a superior, a commission to act for another." We do not have to search farther than the Scripture for our mandate: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." *This* is our mandate for the 2nd Century, as it was for the 1st!

*(*Quoted from the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland in "Mission for This Day",* 1958 *account of the mission work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.)*

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Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

GREETINGS FROM OUR OVERSEAS FIELDS

FROM INDIA

THE ISAGARH WOMEN'S SOCIETY, INDIA

(*President, Mrs. V. F. Singh; Vice President, Mrs. Wilson Singh; Secretary, Mrs. Hanuq Lal; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Singh; Advisor, Mrs. M. F. Singh.*)

By God's grace, our Women's Society in Isagarh was begun in 1961. The Meeting is held every Wednesday morning in the Prayer Hall. There are about 12 regular members — sometimes more; sometimes fewer. The Programme is according to the book prescribed for Women's Meetings. Roll Call is answered by a Scripture verse, which is helpful for one's spiritual life. The Scripture Lesson is read in unison, and an offering, taken in each Meeting, is sent for Christian work in other places.

Sometimes, during the year, women from the North India Synod visit us. We grow in our Christian life through fellowship with one another. We pray that you will remember our Group in your Women's Meeting and in your daily prayers, that God will give us great blessing.

Our Isagarh Women's Group will remember you in prayer, especially at this time when you are celebrating your 100th Anniversary. We pray that your society will always continue, and through it God will be glorified, and His purpose carried out. Our Society sends our sincere greeting to you on this special occasion.

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THE HELEN MACDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOOL, JHANSI, INDIA

MISS S. H. SINGH, PRINCIPAL

We, the members of the staff of the Helen MacDonald Memorial School, are happy to hear that you are celebrating your 100th Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Accept our sincere greetings for this special occasion. We always remember you in our prayers, and we know we are united together through prayer, though we live thousands of miles apart. We would like to send you these verses for this special occasion:

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee,
The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."
(Numbers 6: 24-26)

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." (Isaiah 60:1).

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FROM BRITISH GUIANA

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF COUNTY OF DEMERARA

(*Miss Patricia N. Beramsingh, President; Mrs. Irene Sukhu, Vice-President; Mrs. Jean Kartick, Secretary; Miss Evangeline Sukra, Treasurer.*)

The Presbyterian Women's Society of the County of Demerara, British Guiana, comprising women from nine Churches in the County of Demerara, send heartiest greetings and congratulations to the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary, and the 50th Anniversary of the Union of the former Home and Foreign Society and the Women's Missionary Society.

The Demerara Presbyterian Women's Society was founded nineteen years ago through the instrumentality of Miss Ellen Anderson, of revered memory, who was appointed by your Society as a lady missionary in British Guiana, and the work has been successfully maintained since the death of

Miss Anderson, under the capable supervision of Miss Margaret Ramsay, also sent by your Society.

The women of the Guiana Presbyterian Church in Demerara and indeed the entire Church in Guiana, would wish on this occasion to express their sincerest appreciation to the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., for having sent us so many devoted workers who, by their dedication to the Master, have done so much to bring the people of this land to a saving knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray that God's blessings will continue on your Society, and that in the years to come you will send many more "into all the world" to teach all nations.

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THE BERBICE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF GUIANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(*President — Vivien DeCastro*)

"In Christ there is no East or West
In Him no South or North
But one great fellowship of love,
Throughout the whole round earth."

With these thoughts in mind, on behalf of the Berbice Women's Society of the Guiana Presbyterian Church in British Guiana, we rejoice with you and send "Special Greetings" on that notable day which marks the occasion of your 100th Anniversary.

Though we are separated by distance, yet we can share a common experience of sweet fellowship, because we are members of one body, the body of Christ. May the ties of prayer bind us ever close, and the rich blessings of God be the portion of all who share in His Love and Service.

We too are looking forward to our 23rd Annual Conference in the County of Berbice, striving towards one goal to make known His name to all men.

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FROM NIGERIA

THE WOMEN'S GUILD AT THE SOUTHERN OGOJA LEPROSY SERVICE

(*E. E. Agwu, Secretary*)

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am writing on behalf of the Women's Guild here at the Southern Ogoja Leprosy Service, Uburu. Hearty greetings to everybody!

I cannot tell you how pleased I was to receive this heartfelt request from Miss Bulmer, asking us to send a message of greeting to the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Here at S.O.L.S., Uburu, Afikpo, the organization is running smoothly. We are twenty-five members, meeting weekly. Though small in number, the attendance is very encouraging. In the past year we have had many interesting activities. Some of these are — visiting the hospital wards; evangelical services in the villages of S.O.L.S.; sewing for the children who are patients here; and speakers have talked to us about health, youth work in the Church, the Christian home, et cetera. Mrs. Mercy Uzo Ota is President, Mrs. Grace Maduka the Treasurer, and Miss Eunice E. Agwu is Secretary.

We are greeting the Women's Missionary Society for the effort they contributed in binding together the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria with overseas Churches, especially the Presbyterian Church in Canada and also in Scotland.

We are praying earnestly that these ties may continue to be strengthened, also that there may be deep and real understanding and fellowship among all members of the Church, both those from overseas and those from Nigeria. Greetings to all.

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FROM JAPAN

THE WOMEN'S EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE K.C.C.J.

(*President — Hang Un Kim*)

The Women's Evangelical Association of the K.C.C.J. sends heartfelt greetings as your Society celebrates its Centennial this year. We are sure that God has been pleased by the way in which the Canadian women have united their hearts and strength, in obedience to Jesus' words, to preach the gospel to all the world.

As sister Churches, the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Korean Christian Church in Japan have, for the past fifty years, preached the gospel to the Korean residents in Japan. We thank you for your love and effort in Christ during this period in sending many women missionaries to Asia. We pray that, as you step into the next 100 years of service, God's richest blessings will be with you and that our sister relationship will grow, in order that we might attain the great victory in Christ.

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THE KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(*Un Tem Shim, Deaconess, Tokyo Korean Church*)

We thank God for His faithfulness in the history of sinful men. More than a half century has passed since the Women's Missionary Society began their ministry amongst the scattered Korean population in Japan.

During these years of great changes we have faced many crises — isolation, darkness and other obstacles to the preaching of the Gospel. Closing our eyes we can visualize the period like a panorama. When the first missionaries, L. L. Young and the many women, were sent to join forces with the women evangelists from Korea, the field was like a wasteland. Tears, sweat, and blood were not spared for the sowing of the Seed, the building of the Church.

Then came the Devil's play, the Second World War, and much of the visible Church was destroyed. Yet even in this seemingly hopeless situation, God was here. He, with His seven stars, recreated His Church out of nothing. During this period your Society continued to support us with prayer, funds and workers, a sure sign that the W.M.S. is being obedient to God's Word. It is a wonderful fact that your Society is celebrating its centennial this year. We praise His name knowing that this has only been possible by His Hand.

Today, Satan has changed his strategy, spreading self-satisfaction and apathy amongst our people. Therefore, as we send heartfelt greetings for your centenary celebrations, we pray that they will mark the beginning of a rearmament of our mutual forces for the battle on behalf of God's eternal plan.

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THE BESSIE MacMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

Contributions to the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund, as of March 17th, 1964, were $6,082.14. Plans are moving along for Miss Sushila Patras to come to Canada for her study. We are looking forward to meeting her sometime during the summer.

Dr. Catherine L. Whittier writing an "In Memoriam" to Miss MacMurchy in the Central India Torch, writes: — "For those of us who were counted among her friends, the loss seems well nigh irreparable. But we know that she, being dead, yet speaketh. The uplift and challenge of her love and faith in us will ever lead us on, and bless us."

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800; 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

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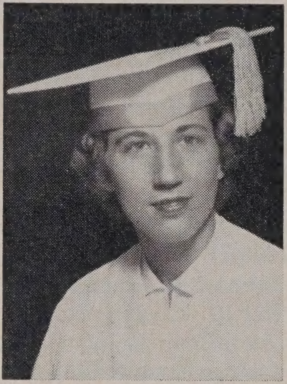
RESIGNATION OF MISS HELEN ACTON, Reg. N.

Miss Helen Acton has submitted her resignation to Council Executive. Miss Acton, whose home is in Kingston, Ontario, was appointed to the Overseas staff in the year 1956. After an academic year at Carey Hall, Shelly Oak Colleges, Birmingham, England, she proceeded to take up her appointment as a medical missionary on the Bhil Field, India.

During the whole of her first term, Miss Acton suffered from the results of amoebic hepatitis. Despite her illness, she served briefly on the Mobile Medical Units, then as Director of Nursing Services in Jobat. Since her return to Canada, Miss Acton has received treatment for her illness. However, in September 1963, the Overseas Committee was advised by the Inter Church Medical Panel that Miss Acton should not return to India, or to any climate which might cause a recurrence of the disease.


MISS HELEN ACTON

Council Executive accepts Miss Acton's resignation, effective April 1st, 1964, with regret. In the term that she spent in India, Miss Acton revealed her very great compassion for the Bhil people, and her desire to help them to an understanding of the Christian faith. She will be greatly missed on the Bhil Field.

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WINGS !

Let us learn, like a bird,
For a moment to take
Sweet rest on a branch
Which is ready to break.
She feels the branch breaking
Yet calmly she sings!
Why fear? Why tremble?
She has wings!
She has wings!

(Selected)

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Miss Maude McGregor	Knox, Alliston	Barrie
Miss Mahala Morris	Emmanuel, Schomberg	Barrie
Mrs. Anna Larson	Knox, Neepawa	Brandon
Mrs. R. J. McRae	Presbyterian, Melita	Brandon
Mrs. Annie Remus	Knox, Walkerton	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. R. D. Sinclair	Geneva, Chesley	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. Ella Douglas	St. Andrew's, Markham	East Toronto
Mrs. Edith Ellen Paterson	St. Andrew's, Edmonton	Edmonton
Mrs. Norman R. MacRae	Kenyon, Dunvegan	Glengarry
Mrs. Neil B. MacLeod	Kenyon, Dunvegan	Glengarry
Mrs. Alex Bennett	Gordon, St. Elmo	Glengarry
Mrs. George Somerville	Knox, Acton	Guelph
Mrs. Harris Beaubien	St. Paul's, Stella	Kingston
Mrs. (Rev.) Donald B. Cram	Knox, Dutton	London
Mrs. George Jacques	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. Stella Forbes	Ephraim Scott Memorial	Montreal
Mrs. Walter Richardson	Knox, Grand Valley	Orangeville
Mrs. Farquhar Finlayson	St. Giles, Ottawa	Ottawa
Mrs. J. P. Morton	St. Andrew's, Richmond	Ottawa
Mrs. Thad. Patrick	St. Andrew's, Campbellford	Peterborough
Mrs. T. R. Walker	St. Andrew's, Campbellford	Peterborough
Mrs. R. H. Little	St. Andrew's, Campbellford	Peterborough
Mrs. J. Perry	Knox, Warwick	Sarnia
Mrs. W. R. Watson	Knox, Normandy	Saugeen
Mrs. John V. Mills (Rev.)	High Park, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. M. Leslie	Presbyterian, Norval	West Toronto
Mrs. Harry McKillop	St. Andrew's, Brampton	West Toronto
Mrs. Robert Armstrong	St. Andrew's, Brampton	West Toronto
Miss Elsie Weeks	St. Andrew's, Brampton	West Toronto
Mrs. Wm. Maher	Victoria, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. Annie Schaffer	Victoria, Toronto	West Toronto

"I WAS A STRANGER . . ."

by MRS. F. J. DICKSON

House Mother of Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg, Manitoba

A stranger is not always the supplicant who comes to the door seeking assistance. It sometimes is the person in charge, one who has come to take over an established work, and who has, with a feeling of apprehension, replaced a well-known and well-loved leader or worker.

Last July, my husband and I, with some trepidation, took over the position of House Parents at the Presbyterian Fellowship House in Winnipeg. Previous to coming to Winnipeg we had lived in British Columbia, and had raised our family in the 'West.' The family are now grown and the position of House Parents was open at Fellowship House. We were strangers coming to a strange city, to a strange, or rather new, type of adventure. What would be the reaction? What changes would we face? Would we be accepted in this position by the young people in residence?

Each individual has a slightly different approach to a job, or a problem. Just as in cooking, the end products are seldom identical, even if all cooks use the same recipe; so it is here, the end result is an expression of Christian love, but the methods of expressing it differ.

Entering upon a venture which is already operating successfully, poses unique problems. It is impossible to carry-on exactly as the predecessor has done. But would changes be gracefully accepted by those in residence? The young people anticipated some change, and accepted slight alterations with good humour. Occasionally, you could feel a hesitancy in their manner, or a probing to see just how far they could go. The time-old question of late hours came up. With an eleven o'clock deadline during the week, there is always the problem of the one or two boys who want to stay out later. We found our decision on the time question being tested — "just testing," as one teenager announced!

The young people are from many different environments. Some have come from the Split Lake, or Fisher River, Reserves in the far North, to complete their education, or to take a course which will enable them to find gainful employment. Again, others come from unhappy or tragic home situations, with which the young person is unable to cope. Different racial backgrounds are represented—French, German, Ukrainian and, of course, our Indian boys. Most Indians in Manitoba are either Cree, Sioux, or Saulteau. The boys at the House are Cree, and this is by far the most prevalent band in Manitoba.

Not only we, but these boys too, felt like strangers, especially when it was their first time in the city, down from a Reserve in northern Manitoba; or when entering the House for the first time with some hesitancy, not knowing what to expect from 'these folks,' and asking "will they treat us as individuals?" The give and take of family life in Fellowship House is good for all members of the family. The varied backgrounds and different racial origins help each one to gain a better understanding of other ethnic groups. Gradually, each newcomer gains confidence in his new surroundings; he begins to be sure that there is a real interest in his personal problems, and a sharing of satisfaction in his success. Sometimes a joking remark helps someone correct an undesirable habit, or a friendly word gives a shy person courage to continue trying. One enters the House and immediately senses the hominess. There are the numerous tasks involved in keeping the home running smoothly—meals to prepare, shopping to do, and the numerous chores to complete, but undergirding all of this is the atmosphere of welcome, of cheer, and of love — the love of God towards us, and towards each and every one of the boys.

Fellowship House with its homey rooms and friendly atmosphere has made, and is continuing to make, a worth-while contribution toward the welfare and happiness of the people with whom it has come in contact. It is just like any normally-run home, with all the problems and joys. There is the boy who goes to bed late, who gets up late and who is usually late for school; he must be wakened earlier. There are the constant reminders like — "don't forget your lunch," "take off your shoes if they are muddy," "put on your rubbers," if it is snowing, or "where are your gloves," if it is cold. There are occasions at the school in which you must be interested because you are interested in the boys. For example, Parents' Night. We go representing the parents of five boys in five different grades, and are later met on the way home by two of the boys who were out for a walk, and who said, "just thought we'd come to meet you!"

Loneliness is the greatest single factor in the defeat of so many people, and this applies particularly to young folk. Coming from a small town, or an Indian Reserve, where every face is familiar, into a large city crowded with strangers, is a traumatic experience. If a person has been in the habit of attending Church on the Reserves, they will often turn to the Church when they come into the city, but, too often, there is only a casual greeting and one goes out of the Church door feeling more lonely than before.

Does this say something to us within the Church? We do not have to ask these people if they are a stranger; a friendly greeting, a cheery smile or a warm handshake, can often say more than all our words. "I was a stranger and ye took me in . . ." — into your hearts where I know I was truly welcome in the name of Christ.

Fellowship House has been able, to some extent, to fill the lonely void felt by these boys. All occupants have in common a need for companionship, and assistance in becoming adjusted to life away from home. The rooms are bright and comfortable, with a desk and lamp to encourage the student to prepare his lessons, or for the worker to write a letter home.

The large living-room, or common room, is used and enjoyed by all. On week-ends it is particularly busy, when residents bring a guest, or former residents come in to cheer their favorite football or hockey player as they watch the game on television. Then, again, they may return for just a quiet visit, or to discuss some problem. The laundry equipment is in nightly use, either by the residents themselves, or by young people who have been residents. From the rumpus room, the record player loudly accompanies the swish of the washing machine, or the creak of the ironing board. During quieter moments, one boy may be alone in the rumpus room patiently picking out a new tune on the guitar, or practising alone on the dart board to perfect his aim. Like all growing boys, these lads like to eat, thus the dining-room is one of the favourite rooms, and the evening meal is when the family sits down together. We often share the day's experiences; teasing is quite common; and a general feeling of "being at home." After dinner, as a family, we share in evening devotions. These are brief, but the boys sit around the table, and for a few moments we are a family together with God, seeking His fulness to break upon us.

We were strangers and the boys "took us in;" the boys were strangers and we "took them in;" but what about those who have no place to go? The telephone rings continually — "have you room for another boy at Fellowship House?" How long must we continue to answer "No?" The man from Indian Affairs, who places the students with us, has often remarked how much they need more homes like Fellowship House for boys, and especially now for girls.

A home is much more than the walls of a house. The feeling of welcome and love, which emanates from the residents and permeates the whole atmosphere, indeed makes this a true Fellowship House.

The Teen Years

"I'D LIKE TO WORK IN THE CHURCH. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE JOBS OPEN TO WOMEN IN OUR CHURCH?"

by MISS MARGARET WEBSTER, B.A., B.Ed.

Bzzz . . . Bzzz . . . Bzzz . . . the Ewart College telephone persisted! The office secretary left her typing and reached for the receiver—

"You would like information about positions in the Church open to women? Yes, I'll have you speak with Miss Webster, the Principal. She has just finished work on a pamphlet outlining such positions. I am sure that she will be able to help you."

—thus our conversation began . . .

THE PRINCIPAL: "Good, our Church needs more trained women workers both in Canada and overseas. Are you particularly interested in working Overseas or in Canada?"

MISS TEEN-AGER: "At the moment I'm thinking chiefly about work in Canada. I'd like to know something about the kinds of work I might consider here. Maybe some day I'll think of working Overseas."

THE PRINCIPAL: "There are so many kinds of work to be done that it's hard to tell you in a few words, but we'll try. Let's begin with local congregations — individual churches. Some congregations employ a Deaconess in one of two types of work — that of a Congregational Deaconess (or assistant to the Minister) or a Director of Christian Education, who helps to strengthen the church's educational programme by training leaders and supervising the Church School and week-day groups. Of course, some congregations employ women who are not Deaconesses but have other training — as church organists or secretaries."

MISS TEEN-AGER: "Actually I think I'm more interested in working not just in one Church but in several. Is that kind of job possible?"

THE PRINCIPAL: "Why, yes, you probably know that our Church is organized in Presbyteries (each including several congregations) and Synods (each with several Presbyteries). Frequently Deaconesses are employed by one of the national Boards or Societies of the Church to work within a Presbytery. They may be assigned to one of several types of work there — Presbytery Deaconess with general or Christian Education responsibility to assist in several congregations, Van Worker (travelling from place to place to conduct Vacation Church Schools and help organize new congregations), Hospital Visitor, Port Worker, Downtown Church Worker in one of our large cities, workers in one of our Church's institutions, Indian missionary . . ."

MISS TEEN-AGER: "Some of these sound interesting. Did you say there are women working in the Synods too?"

THE PRINCIPAL: "Yes, Regional Secretaries are employed by the W.M.S., to strengthen the work of Christian and Missionary education in the Synods — and there are some national positions open to women too. Some of the national Boards and Societies of the Church employ women to serve as executive secretaries, curriculum writers, and so on . . ."

MISS TEEN-AGER: "Oh my, I hadn't realized there were so many kinds of work open to women! I'll have to find out more about some of them — I'm really interested. But right now I'd like to know what I have to do to train for such jobs."

THE PRINCIPAL: "Well, first of all, you'll need to have as good preparation as possible, for the Church needs capable workers. If you are going to be a Church secretary or organist take a good business course with both typing and shorthand, or go to a good organ teacher — one who can, if possible, help you learn how to direct a choir too. For most of the other work you will need Deaconess training which you will get here at Ewart College."

MISS TEEN-AGER: "What education do I need for entrance to Ewart College?"

THE PRINCIPAL: "You should have a good background of general education before taking your specialized training. You will need at least Senior Matriculation; in addition it would be good if you could have a University Degree, Teacher Training or Nurse's training. If you have some working experience in business or a profession, you will find it helpful too."

MISS TEEN-AGER: "Could you send me some information about the courses at Ewart College?"

THE PRINCIPAL: "Yes, we'll be glad to send you a College Calendar — and if you have any other questions about types of work and the courses here, phone or write us and we'll be in touch with you. Talk it over with your Minister too — and a Deaconess, if you know one. They will try to help you, as you make your decision and try to know God's will for your life. . . . And we'll hope to be able to welcome you to Ewart College some day as you prepare to undertake one of the special responsibilities for leadership in our Church."

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LIVING WITH LOVE, By Josephine Robertson

This small book of 95 pages contains forty daily Meditations, which bring forth the spiritual significance that even the most everyday happenings may reveal when they are interpreted by love. As in the first book reviewed, "Love" is really the theme of this Author's work, too, but her inspiration for all of them has come from the First Epistle of John, Chapter 4, verses 7-8 and part of 16. "Beloved let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God—and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." Each Meditation is quite brief; is based on a text bearing on 'love' and concludes with Prayer. Here are a few Titles — "The Candle of Lovingkindness; Walk in Love; The Least of These; Outstrip the Night; The Stranger Outside the Gates; The Marys and the Marthas; Even Unto the End" — and many more, equally worth-while. Either for personal or Group use, this would be well worth possessing. Price — $2.25.

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Boys and Girls!

ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

Dear Boys and Girls Who sent pictures for the Art Project:—

You will be wondering if other boys and girls sent in pictures. Well, we are happy to tell you that more than three hundred and fifty boys and girls from across Canada responded to this project. Parcels of pictures were delivered to Mrs. Taylor's home by mail, and by personal calls, from Newfoundland to British Columbia. Pictures came from children from six to twelve years of age. We are very pleased with each picture sent in.

There was a variety in the pictures. Some were drawn with crayons; others used pastels and paints. Many chose Bible stories, ranging from the Creation to stories of Jesus, and scenes from the Mission Study used in week-day Groups.

Your Leaders in week-day groups; teachers in Church School; in some cases parents; are to be commended for catching the spirit of the Art Project. Your pictures showed that they had given you enough time to make the activity worthwhile, and allowed you to be creative. We could see that you express your own thoughts in your pictures, and also that your pictures told that you are learning much about the Bible, and people in countries around the world.

It would be impossible for us to choose one picture as being better than another, as all pictures are well done. However, we want the women across Canada to know about the Art Project, so two pictures were chosen to be placed on your page of the Glad Tidings.

Many of the pictures sent in will be on display at the Anniversaries and Council meetings in Montreal, May 8—12th, 1964, in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal. Mrs. Taylor, and some of her helpers, have mounted the pictures on grey mats which makes your picture impressive and helps to care for it.

Following the Council meetings, you may wish to have a display of a selected number of pictures from other parts of Canada, in your Church.

Ask your Church School teacher, or week-day Leader, to write to Mrs. J. B. Taylor, 18 Fern Avenue, Weston, Ontario, for particulars.

The Children's Committee wish to thank you for your part in making this Project a success. We hope that sometime in the future we may have another Art Project, and will be pleased to hear from you again.

Yours sincerely, Mabel M. Booth.

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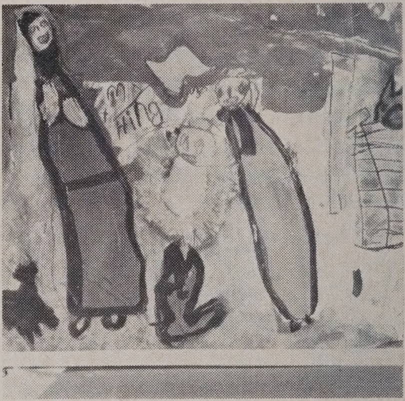
By Ross Stacey
Saskatoon
Age 6

"Jesus was born in a manger. Mary and Joseph were by Jesus. There were two donkeys there too. The bright star shone over the baby. There was a little black lamb looking at him. Jesus's bed was made of straw. Jesus is the Son of God."

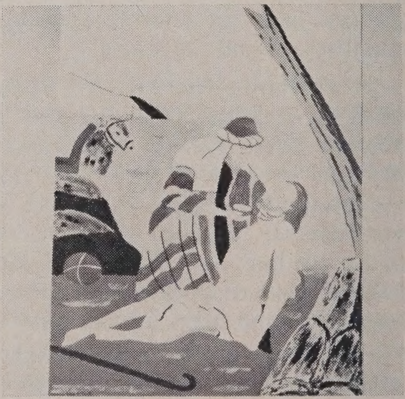
JESUS'S BED WAS MADE OF STRAW



By Jerry Van Wyk
Toronto
Age 11

"A stranger in the land was attacked and robbed and left to die by the roadside. Then a priest rode by but was too busy praying to help. A Levite also passed the stranger. A hated Samaritan came by and poured oil on his wounds, gave him water and brought him to an inn. He left the stranger with some money."

THE GOOD SAMARITAN



THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Prince George,* the Theme was "The World for Christ", and Opening Devotions were conducted by the Rev. J. W. Hutchison, who told of the very first Ecumenical Conference—when Paul and the other Disciples discussed the Jewish and Gentile doctrines, in *Jerusalem.*

Great interest was shown in the Anniversaries Celebrations, held in Montreal, May 8, 9, and 10, and Miss Joy Richardson of *Prince George,* who was a delegate to the North American Regional Presbyterian Youth Association, held at Purdue University, *Lafayette, Illinois,* told of the value of fellowship with the 1700 young people attending the Conference. Mrs. Ivan LeHuguet, President of British Columbia Synodical, installed the Executive for 1964, with Mrs. J. E. Johnson, of *Armstrong,* the incoming President.

The highlight of the Evening Session was the illustrated Address of Miss Edith Magee, B.A. of the *Jhansi Field, North India,* who told of the educational work in that Field, and of the coming to the School of the twenty Refugee Tibetan children, and how they are being cared for.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. D. Jarrett, of *Kimberley,* presided at the Annual Meeting of Kootenay Presbyterial, held in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, *Creston.* Mrs. P. Robinson, of *Creston* conducted the Opening Devotions on the Theme of the Meeting, "I Am The Light of The World". Gratifying Reports were received, and discussion was held on ways and means of interesting more women in W.M.S. work. It was felt that "The Glad Tidings" should be used more often, especially in mid-week Groups. The "In Remembrance Service", conducted by the *Creston* W.M.S. Group, remembered two late members, Mrs. Jessie Campbell of *Trail,* and Mrs. Conky, of *Creston.* It was decided that the W.M.S. Week-End Camp, which had proved so successful last year, would be repeated this year. The Guest Speaker, Miss Edith Magee, B.A., on furlough from the *Jhansi Field,* in *India,* gave an interesting Address on W.M.S. Work in *India.* Mrs. I. LeHuguet, Synodical President, took part in the Programme.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — At the Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T.

of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* Mrs. C. Summers, with Mrs. W. Hogg, of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, assisted in the Service. Mrs. E. T. Holden and Miss Edith Threlfall are Leaders of this Group. Following the Service, the girls presented a Missionary Play, "An East Indian Wedding", and the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Charles Scott. The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary served refreshments at the Fellowship Hour.

In the Social Suite of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* Presbyterian women from *Sooke, Duncan* and *Victoria,* met for a Dessert Luncheon in honour of Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, who spoke of Immigration Work; Hospital Visitors; Tyndale House, in *Montreal;* among the Indians at *Winnipeg* Fellowship House; and W.M.S. work among the Chinese in *Canada.* Miss Winnifred Ripley told of the Chinese work in *Victoria,* and Mrs. B. P. Allard conducted the closing Devotions.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Winnifred Ripley, Deaconess in *Victoria* Presbytery, gave the Opening Devotions at the 50th Annual Meeting of British Columbia Synodical, held in *West Point Grey* Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* President, Mrs. I. LeHuguet presided. Mimeographed Reports were spoken to in a series of Panels—Organization; Service; Good News; Saying and Savings. One of the most interesting things shown in these Panels was "The Family Tree of The Glad Tidings", prepared by Miss Annie G. Hill, B.A., whose Mother was also a "Glad Tidings" Secretary.

A highlight of the first day was the Historical Sketch, written by the Rev. Dr. D. A. Smith, retired Superintendent of Chinese Missions, which re-enacted the initial meeting in 1898, where the Women's Atlin Committee was organized in *Toronto,* at the request of the Minister working among the miners in the *Klondyke Gold Rush,* who pleaded that two Nurses be sent to that area immediately. Appropriate costumes of that era were worn. The second scene showed the arrival of the Nurses at their primitive Hospital-Tent, and the appreciation of the rough mining men. In 1899, a promised Hospital Building was opened and dedicated, in *Atlin,* the very first Presbyterian Hospital in *Canada.* It was this work which led to the formation of the Women's Home Missionary Society in 1903, and its endorsation by the General Assembly Meeting in *Vancouver* that same year.

Following the Anniversary Dinner, the Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Harry Lennox, D.D., conducted the Worship Service at the Evening Session. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions on Council Executive, *Toronto* was Guest Speaker, and gave a brief history of W.M.S. work in

Canada during the past 100 years. The Installation of Officers was conducted by the Rev. R. M. Pollock, with Mrs. I. LeHuguet re-elected to the Presidency.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial held a well-attended Anniversary Tea, when members, dressed as Victorians, furthered the Anniversaries Theme and Atmosphere. Mrs. M. McCallum was the Convener, and the attractive Head Table was decorated to illustrate the Theme. The Anniversaries Souvenir place-mats and serviettes were used to good effect.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. women of Strathcona Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* have a special Musical arrangement of our W.M.S. Motto, "The World For Christ", which they sing at each Meeting, following the first Hymn. This is the work of the Organist of the Church, Mrs. M. Tait, who has arranged the Motto in verse form, and set it to the music of Hymn No. 334 in the Book of Praise—the tune "Stella". The Secretary writes —"This seems to set the mood for our Meeting, and keeps the aim and purpose of the W.M.S. ever in mind. It is our hope and prayer that this might be used by many local Groups across Canada. All are invited to use it." Here are the words—

"The Motto of the W.M.S.
Is nothing more, or nothing less
Than to advance the Kingdom of God
To children and girls, and people abroad.
The World for Christ! United we stand
In Prayer and service in every land."

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of *Alberta* Synodical was held in the Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Rocky Mountain House,* a pioneer spot in our Synodical, where at one time the W.M.S. maintained a Hospital and carried on very active work. The late Rev. R. K. Peck, gave outstanding service there, and we, as women of the W.M.S., attended the unveiling of the Rev. Mr. Peck's photograph, by his daughter, Mrs. T. W. Campbell, of *Calgary*. This now hangs beside the photograph of Mr. Ernest Ross. Reports from all Groups in the Synodical showed real appreciation of the Anniversaries Souvenirs. Seals, place-mats, and serviettes are being widely used, and the Souvenir Spoons are well received and admired, and are being generously used as gifts by all the Groups, as well as the individual members as lasting souvenirs of these historic Anniversaries of 1964.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL—When the Annual Meeting of *Moose Jaw* Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Assiniboia,* it marked also the 50th Anniversary of the Presbyterial and the 50th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, *Assiniboia.* Three members were especially honoured for fifty years of faithful service—Mrs. G. J. McDonald, *Assiniboia;* Mrs. E. C. Stinchcombe, *Weyburn;* and Mrs. T. P. Gillies, of *Moose Jaw*—and President, Mrs. C. W. Logan, who presided at all Sessions, presented a rose to each one. Miss Agnes Gollan, from *Nigeria,* and Miss Margaret Boyd, *Saskatchewan* Regional Secretary, were present, and the Theme of the Meeting was "Great Is Thy Faithfulness".

Secretarial Reports were keyed to a Poster, depicting "the Aim and Purpose of the W.M.S." Mrs. J. R. McKee, speaking on "Prayer", told the story of Albert Durer, and his painting "Praying Hands"; the Treasurer's Report stressed "Service"; "Missions At Home" were reported by Miss Margaret Boyd; and "Missions Abroad", given by Mrs. T. D. Moir, told of the Overseas Field. Mrs. W. Kelly, Historian and Anniversaries Convener, displayed a Poster and a Book, showing the growth of W.M.S. work over the years. Old books and records, belonging to Mrs. G. J. McDonald, were an interesting Feature Display. A Special 50th Anniversary Presentation given by the *Swift Current* W.M.S. Auxiliary, told of the Missionaries who had been born in *Saskatchewan,* and where they are now working. Guest Speaker, Miss Agnes Gollan, gave a vivid picture of her work in *Nigeria.* Delegates were present from *Weyburn, Swift Current, Briercrest* and *Moose Jaw.*

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL—The members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale,* held their recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Johnstone, when a Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Earl Beatty, in recognition of her loyal work in her Church and her Auxiliary. An hour of Social Fellowship followed.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* Miss Jessie Walls, Mrs. W. E. Early, and Mrs. L. S. VanMossel, traced the growth of the Presbyterian Church in the West, beginning with the Selkirk Settlers, and stressing how much *Saskatchewan* owes to such dedicated Christians as the Rev. J. Robinson, Rev. J. Nisbet, Rev. H. McKay, and many other consecrated men and women. Using Charts, they showed the steady growth of the W.M.S.; the forming of Groups into Presbyterials, and the forming of the many Auxiliaries in *Saskatoon* Presbyterial.

Secretarial Reports showed increases in money and membership. Mrs. M. E. R. Boudreau gave a splendid Meditation on "Prayer"; and "W.M.S. Work at Home and Overseas" was presented by Mrs. W. Bailey and Miss M. Campbell. Miss Margaret VanMossel, and Miss Beverley Campbell, members of the C.G.I.T. Group of Parkview Church, sang a duet.

Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., on furlough from *Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker, and emphasized the needs in *Nigeria* for Ministers, Doctors, Teachers, and Christians of many vocations, as she told of the many opportunities for service, which lacked only the capable Christians to carry them out. During her visit in *Saskatoon* Presbyterial, Miss Gollan spoke at Church Services; on Radio and T.V.; and also addressed Dinner Meetings, both of Youth Groups and of "Presbyterian Men", in *Saskatoon, Rosetown* and *North Battleford.*

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PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Neepawa,* held a joint meeting in the Church, when Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., on furlough from *Nigeria,* was the Guest Speaker. Showing interesting slides of *Nigeria,* its people, and the W.M.S. scope of work in that land, she gave an excellent presentation of the Church and Educational activities in *Nigeria.* Mrs. E. McLarty, President of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, the Edith Coulter Group, conducted the Worship Service. Refreshments were served by the Heather Club, and a Social Fellowship Hour brought the evening to a close.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — At the 50th Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* Mrs. G. McDougall was re-elected as President, and opened the Afternoon Session with "A Moment of Silence" in memory of two well-loved members, the late Mrs. Charles LeCocq, and the late Mrs. James Gibb. Mrs. J. Burns and Mrs. J. Nelson, of *Geraldton,* conducted the Worship Service; Reports were reviewed by Miss M. Hogarth; Mrs. R. Rose gave the Literature Report. Directed by Mrs. A. H. Johnston, assisted by Mrs. J. T. Johnston and Mrs. A. Rankin, the C.O.C. Group contributed Exercise Drill to the Programme. Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., of *Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker, and, introduced by Mrs. H. J. Loney, Synodical President, outlined and described the type of W.M.S. work she is doing so capably in *Nigeria.* Miss Dorothy Keller closed this Session with prayer.

At the Supper, served by the Evening Guild in the Church Hall, the Rev. A. H. Johnston D.D. asked the Blessing, and Mrs. H. T. Johnston welcomed those present. Mrs. R. Graham replied, and extended an invitation to hold the next Annual Presbyterial Meeting in First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William*. Greetings were presented by Dr. A. H. Johnston, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; the Rev. D. J. Firth, of First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William;* the Rev. J. C. Hood, of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur;* the Rev. W. Cook, of *Calvin* and *Oliver Road* Presbyterian Churches, *Port Arthur;* and Miss Hogarth read the greetings from *Brandon* Presbyterial. President, Mrs. McDougall, especially welcomed Miss M. J. L. Smellie, a life-long member and worker in all W.M.S. activities.

Mrs. E. S. Sherlock outlined the history of Superior Presbyterial, pointing out that 77 years ago, a W.M.S. Auxiliary was organized in this area, and that the "key woman" was Mrs. T. S. T. Smellie, mother of Miss M. I. L. Smellie.

A beautiful Anniversaries' Cake, donated by Mrs. J. T. Johnston, centred the table, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the organizing of the W.M.S.; the 50th Anniversary of the joining together of the three Missionary Societies to become the present Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada;* and the 77th Anniversary of the W.M.S. in this Presbyterial. Mrs. A. Sutherland of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William*, the Birthday Cake.

The growth of the W.M.S. was presented in the form of a Candle-Lighting Service in which each Group—Afternoon and Evening—was represented, beginning with St. Andrew's in 1890, right down to the latest Group, formed, in *McIntyre* in 1958. As the year of Organization was called, each Group Representative lit her candle, as she gave a few lines of her Auxiliary history and took her place around the table. The cutting of the Anniversary Cake climaxed this Service. Those taking part were — Mrs. A. MacAuley, *Fort William;* Mrs. Austin Grant, *Port Arthur;* Mrs. S. Woods, *Fort Frances;* Mrs. W. J. Stirrett, *Port Arthur;* Mrs. R. Graham, Mrs. A. J. Kennelly and Mrs. J. MacKay, of First Church, *Fort William;* Mrs. J. Tweedie, and Mrs. J. Nelson, *Geraldton;* Mrs. Pearl Reid, *Atikoken;* Mrs. R. McLeod, *Port Arthur;* Mrs. A. Cameron and Mrs. W. T. Evans, of St. Andrew's, *Fort William;* and Mrs. W. McWilliams, of *McIntyre*.

Dr. A. H. Johnston, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Hood conducted the Evening Worship Service, and the 1964 Officers were installed by Miss Dorothy Keller.

At the regular meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* Mrs. H. T. Johnston presided, with

Mrs. W. Nairn and Mrs. A. L. Buie, participating in the Programme. Mrs. R. C. Brown was Guest Speaker and spoke on *India.* Mrs. N. Gemmell, a long-time member, who celebrated her 96th birthday, received congratulations, and a Birthday Cake in her honour was served by Mrs. K. MacKenzie and Mrs. H. T. Johnston.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The 50th Anniversary of this Presbyterial was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* with Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, President, in the Chair. A Turkey Dinner, provided by the ladies of St. John's Church, preceded the Opening Session, and three handsome Birthday Cakes graced the tables, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the commencement of organized Mission work by the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; the 80th Anniversary of W.M.S. work in this area; and the 50th Anniversary of the three existing Missionary Societies, which, in 1914, became the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* as it is today. Mrs. A. J. M. Long, a member of long and active standing, cut these three Anniversary Cakes.

The work of the W.M.S. over the years was brought to attention by narration given by members attired in the dress of the early W.M.S. days; and by the History compiled by Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones, and other members. Many events of interest, presented on Posters throughout the Hall, stirred many memories for those present. Music was provided by the Organist and Choir of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg.* Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon was re-elected as President.

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HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — With President, Mrs. Norman Anderson, presiding, this Presbyterial held its 50th Annual Meeting in *New Westminster* Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* when Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. Malcolm Heddle, Mrs. A. Anderson, and Miss Sheelagh McCutcheon. Mrs. Wm. Greenwood and Mrs. C. E. Forden were Soloists, and members of the Rosalind Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church formed the Choir. Greetings, Secretarial Reports, and New Business, filled the Morning Session, and the highlight of the Afternoon Session was an Historical Pageant, directed by Mrs. D. M. Allan, with several Auxiliaries participating. This pictured the organizing of the first group of women 10 years ago; the birth of "The Glad Tidings", and scenes of the various fields of service in which the W.M.S. women of Canada were active in those early years. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. J. B. Burditt, of *Alberton*. Dinner was served by the ladies of the Church, and at the Evening Session, Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, gave an excellent Address, illustrated with slides, on the W.M.S. work in *India*. *Election and Installation* of Officers was conducted by Past President, Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon.

An "Heirloom Tea", sponsored by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Welland,* marked the 100th Anniversary of the Presbyterian W.M.S. in Canada. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. W. A. McLeod, and Mrs. H. Bailey. Treasured heirlooms, dating from the mid 1700's, which formed part of the family history of members and friends of the congregation, were displayed in the Christian Education Building. A Music Box, loaned and played by Mr. and Mrs. E. Hilder, was one of the distinctive heirlooms shown. The Tea-table was centred with a Spinning Wheel, banked about with flowers and flanked with tall golden candles. A "Cosy Corner", lighted by a coal-oil lamp, provided a resting spot for guests. General Conveners were Mrs. H. Main; Mrs. H. Bailey; and Mrs. E. Griffith.

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GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — The Pageant, "The Living History of Guelph Presbyterial", prepared by Mrs. J. D. Cleghorn and Miss Lila Sinclair, of *Guelph,* highlighted the Annual Meeting of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, when it was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Guelph,* with President, Mrs. Paul Newton, presiding. Mrs. Cleghorn was Narrator, and the lovely old costumes worn portrayed the different periods of Presbyterial history.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — Special attention was given the 100th Anniversary of the W.M.S., at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Belleville,* when President, Mrs. John Craig, presided. The *Belleville* ladies, in dresses of 1900, did a humorous Skit, "Packing The Bale", and the *Trenton* W.M.S. Auxiliary presented, "The Passing Years". Following the business Meeting, Dinner was highlighted by the cutting of the 100th Anniversary Cake, by Mrs. J. A. Gollan, of *Kingston.* Tribute was paid to the Missionaries who have gone from Kingston Presbyterial — her daughter, Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., of *Nigeria,* and Miss Helen Acton, of *India,* both of whom were present.

Owing to the quantity of Anniversaries News received from the Synodicals, it has been necessary to hold over for the June issue, further news from Hamilton and London; Toronto and Kingston; and Montreal and Ottawa.

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Who looks on blossoms blowing in the sweet June air,
Fragrant on the greening boughs, long so brown and bare,
Before his eyes sees Miracles, on every fruitful tree,
The Lord God placed them there, that all who will, may see!

(L. M. C.)

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"IT'S A BENEDICTION TO ME!"

by ROBIN J. MITCHELL

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I NEVER catch a whiff of peat reek but I think of "Old Geordie" in his little cottage among the hills. It is just a "but-and-ben" he has, with a garden of sorts, and some trees, sycamore and elm, aspen and Scotch pine.

I suppose I must have been a dozen times in "Old Geordie's" house, and each time I have marvelled how tidy and clean he keeps it. For an old man, living by himself, it's quite astonishing how he bothers to dust and polish, and tidy-up, especially as he suffers from Arthritis. But his bed is always made; the brass rails and knob around the fireplace are shining and bright; even the iron kettle is black-leaded and polished. There is no grate — the fireplace is just open and flat, and the peat smoulders away placidly until "Old Geordie" takes the bellows, and fans it into a flame to boil his kettle. He hangs the kettle, by the way, on an iron bar which pivots on a hinge, and is called a "swye."

"Old Geordie" has a seat in his garden, where he sits whenever the weather is warm enough. I'll never forget joining him there one summer evening, when the sun was sinking in the West, and the wind was warm and scented. "It's not much of a seat," he said to me, "and it's not much of a garden! But it's like a benediction to me. People, nowadays, don't know what they're missing — not sitting down on a garden seat and just — just doing nothing. D'ye remember what an old man, like myself, said to a visitor who asked him what on earth he did with himself in the Country? 'Sometimes I just sits and thinks,' he said, 'but mostly I just sits!' That's what I do, often, I just sits! I've done it ever since I had a wee house and garden of my own. I used to come home from a day's work—in the summer like — and after my tea, I would work in the garden for another two or three hours, and then I'd sit down, and think about nothing in particular. It gives you a kind of blissful feeling!

"But I see the flowers, too, you know! And I like to watch what I call the turning of the seasons. I look for the first snowdrop, and the first aconite — not sitting *here*, of course; it's too cold — but I walk round even on the bitterest day, just to get my first peep of the pure white snowdrop, and the wee yellow aconite. I don't know how it is, but the sight of these first flowers, in the very depth of winter, fills me with the sense of wonder at the new life stirring in the earth. As a matter of fact—you'll maybe think I'm silly — when the leaves are falling in the Autumn, I go around the places where the snowdrops and the daffodils grow, and I poke among the fallen leaves with my stick, pushing them aside, until I see the wee green spikes just showing through the gravel. I like to feel the pulse of nature, to know that its heart is still beating, though it looks like stopping altogether. I see that heart-beat, though it's ever so feeble, in those frail green spikes pushing up so bravely from their wintry bed."

"Old Geordie" paused, and stared in front of him with a faraway look in his eyes. He seemed, for the moment, to be unaware of my presence with him — a man, as it was, speaking to himself, carried away by the gentle power of his own thoughts. I said nothing, and waited. And as we sat in silence, a robin suddenly perched on a fence quite near us, and starting calling — "tick-tick-tick" — it said, dipping and curtseying on its perch.

All of a sudden, "Old Geordie" woke up from his reverie, and catching sight of the robin said — "Huh — it's you, is it? This is my pet robin, and I know what he wants. He wants his supper from me!" And he fumbled in his coat pocket and took out some crumbs and threw them on the ground. The robin cocked a bright eye at me, because I was a stranger; but in the end, it summoned up all its courage and flew down to the ground to pick up the crumbs. "He's just *one* of my pet birds," said Geordie, nodding his head toward the robin, "I've any amount of birds in the garden, and I feed them all the year round. Of course, I see more of them in the winter — from my kitchen window. Then they're queued up on the fence, waiting for me, in the mornings!

"There's one blackie that's not so patient as the rest, and he comes tapping at the window for his breakfast. I open the window and let him in, and he flies on to the table where I've laid out his favourite food—what d'ye think? Raisins and currants! Of course, I can't afford to give him many, but I do like watching him gobbling them up — and when he's finished, he sort of looks up at me and says a silent 'thank you' with his eyes, and then he hops out of the window again. Then I put out food for the others, on the window-ledge, and I stand and watch them—the wee blue-tits, and the great-tits, and the chaffinches, and the other blackbirds and thrushes. If two robins come at the same time there's usually fireworks; and those starlings, huh, they're just pure gluttons, and they've no manners at all! Still, they're part of God's creation, and I don't despise them. As a matter of fact, I quite enjoy listening to them mimicking other birds' songs and call-notes — they're fair experts at it!

"I enjoy all the songs of the birds, and I start listening for the first great-tit in January — just two notes he says, like 'see-saw; see-saw,' and just like at the glimpse of my first snowdrop, my heart leaps up to greet it. But there's none sings so fine as my blackbird. He seems to start up in the springtime as soon as I come out into the garden, as if to say his 'thank you' to me for being good to him. And that's another thing I look forward to — the swallows coming back to the old shed at the foot of the garden! They nest there every year, and I always lift my hat to them when they turn up again. Usually there's one that comes first, and the second one comes a few days later. Man, it's a great thing—migration! It's one of the world's mysteries, and it's a miracle, too."

"Old Geordie" fell silent, and we sat in the hush of the summer evening. The wind had died away, but it still stirred the trembling leaves of the aspens. The rim of the setting sun dipped below the hills, and filled the western sky with a golden light. A robin piped a last snatch of song, and partridges rasped their call-notes in the lush grass of a nearby field.

" 'Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark' " quoted Geordie, watching the last rays of the sun fade from the sky. "And so to bed, and another sleep, and tomorrow I'll be up first thing, to go out to my front door and see the flags of dawn, and feel the bright rays of another day's sun on my face. And that's what I believe it'll be for me at the end. I'll walk through the Valley of the Shadow, but I'll be straining in the darkness to see the first flags of the dawning, and I'll feel the warm rays of the Eternal Morning upon my face. 'And there shall be no night there,' the Good Book says, 'for the Lord God giveth them light.' This is the time of day, when I sit in my garden, and I feel 'the peace that passeth all understanding.' I wouldn't change it all, for all the gold in the world!"

And, looking at this old man, "Old Geordie," with his small homely cottage, and his rambling old garden, I realized, indeed, that only they are rich, who live by God's simplicities!

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MAKING A GARDEN

Man ploughs and plants and digs and weeds,
He works with hoe and spade;
God sends the sun and rain and air;
And thus a garden's made.

He must be proud who tills the soil
And turns the heavy sod.
How wonderful a thing to be
In partnership with God!

(Selected)

PRAYER

by MISS DOROTHY McCOMBIE

Deaconess, Presbytery of Winnipeg, Man. — Presbyterian Fellowship House.

Our gracious heavenly Father, as we bow before Thee, we praise Thy name, which is above all other names. We are children in Thy sight, and we bring our praise to Thee through the lips of erring children. As we come before Thee, we realize our own unworthiness, yet we know that we are worthy to be called Thy children, through Christ, Thy Son, Who gave Himself for us.

Our Father, we confess that we have failed Thee. We have often gone our own way, and have not heeded Thy voice, calling us back. We have failed Thee in so many ways, through ignoring Thy work; shunning another; causing a brother to stumble; by failing to speak a word in Thy name. Our thoughts have centred too much around ourselves; we have become lost in our own self-pride, and have ignored the cry from others around us. Help us, oh, Father, to show forth the love of Christ; make us more like Him. Teach us humility, that we may look upon the multitudes with compassion and love.

Thou art continually showering us with Thy blessings; Thy grace is sufficient for all our needs. We thank Thee for all Thy gifts, so freely bestowed upon us. Thou dost cause the rain to fall on the just and the unjust alike. We thank Thee for home, family, and friends; for the love which surrounds and sustains us through every trial and tribulation. We thank Thee for all the material blessings which are so freely given — shelter, food, and all that sustains us from day to day. Help us to share the bounty of our land with those other lands, so desperately lacking in material needs.

We thank Thee for the work which Thou hast given each one of us to do. May we realize the task which is ours, and seek to do it in Thy strength, for without Thee we can do nothing. We pray for all who serve Thee, our Father — for our Missionaries at home and Overseas. Wilt Thou be their sustaining strength. May they put their hands in Thine, and walk into the unknown, confident in Thee. As we lift our hearts to Thee, we think of the thousands who have never heard the name of Christ. We bring them unto Thee now, and pray that labourers may be found for those fields "white unto harvest".

Be with the sick. Rest Thy cooling hand upon each fevered brow and restore them to health, according to Thy will. Be with the lonely and the sorrowing. May they find their peace and comfort in Thee. We pray for peace, our Father. In this troubled world, which is Thine, may man learn to live with his neighbour. We pray for the world Leaders, and all who must make decisions concerning world situations. Help them to recognize that Thou art still in control of the Universe.

We thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son, our Lord, and for the salvation which He bought for all on Calvary. May we look to the Cross, and see the form of One who died to save us, but help us to look beyond the Cross to the empty tomb, and there see the Risen Lord, Who is alive for evermore, and Who dwells in the hearts of all who confess and believe in His name.

Hear these our prayers, our Father. Forgive our sins and accept our petitions, for we ask them in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January-March 1964

RECEIPTS

SYNODICAL GIVINGS:	1963	1964
British Columbia		$
Alberta		756.70
Saskatchewan		385.00
Manitoba		
Hamilton and London	$10,655.25	12,815.00
Toronto and Kingston	4,110.00	5,500.00
Montreal and Ottawa	3,500.00	6,212.57
	$18,265.25	$ 25,669.27
INDIVIDUAL GIFTS	2,181.75	2,167.67
	$20,447.00	$ 27,836.94

DISBURSEMENTS

National Missions	$27,134.72	
Overseas Missions	47,740.30	
Organization	11,094.99	
Publications	3,785.94	
Administration	6,662.64	
Insurance and Taxes	351.82	
Students		
Christian Literature	550.00	
Grants	10.00	
Synodical Grants	1,077.94	
Council Meeting		
Visual Education		
Medical Insurance for Staff	615.00	
General Contingency		
	$99,023.35	
Payments from Individual Gifts	1,648.00	
		$100,671.35

A SIGNAL HONOUR FOR OUR OWN MISS REITH AND FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF CANADA!

PRESBYTERIANS MEET IN FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, WEST GERMANY

August 3-13, 1964

MISS LOUISE REITH, M.A.

From August 3-13, 1964, some 500 men and women, representing those who "hold the Presbyterian Order," expect to be gathered in Wolfgang-Goethe University, Frankfurt-on-Main, West Germany.

These men and women will be the representatives of 91 member churches of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (World Presbyterian Alliance) or, if you wish the full title — "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches Throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian Order." This Alliance, established in 1875, is the oldest "Church Family" or "Confessional Organization" in the world. The 91 member churches are in all parts of the world — Africa, Asia, Australasia, the British Isles, Europe, Latin America, U. S. A., and Canada.

Representatives of these member churches come together every five years in what is called the General Council. The meeting in Frankfurt is the 19th General Council Meeting — some will remember that in 1959 the 18th General Council was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

At the 17th General Council which met in Princeton, New Jersey, in 1954, a Department of Women's Work was organized. Meetings of that department will be held this summer in Frankfurt, at the time of the General Council Meetings.

As a member of the Alliance, the Presbyterian Church in Canada is entitled to send 12 delegates to the General Council Meeting. It was decided at the 89th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada that at least four should be sent, the expenses of two delegates to be borne by the General Assembly. One of those eligible to attend was Miss Louise A. Reith, the representative of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to the Women's Section of the World Presbyterian Alliance. The women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada should be gratified that, when the Presbyterian Committee on Interchurch Relations chose the delegates from those eligible to attend the Frankfurt meetings to represent the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Miss Reith was one of those chosen.

The prayer theme of the Conference is "Come, Creator Spirit." The booklet — "Come, Creator Spirit" has been distributed widely throughout the "Presbyterian Family" as a basis for personal meditation, and study in congregations and groups. Editions of the booklet are available in English, French, and German, with translations in Hungarian, Portuguese, Spanish, and perhaps other languages.

It is felt that "The Alliance's 19th General Council" could become one of the most significant ecumenical gatherings in this decade. This is not only because of the theme, 'Come, Creator Spirit!' It is also because many are convinced that the Reformed Churches are ready for a process of *radical self-appraisal,* one which may be of great value for the whole Church. If we are earnestly willing to pray for the renewing power of the Holy Spirit *together,* so that we may become more truly 'reformed according to the Word of God,' the results cannot be superficial.

The General Council will open with an address by Dr. Willem A. Visser't Hooft, on the theme "Come, Creator Spirit!" Concern for renewal of the Church will carry through the entire proceedings, which include plenary sessions, at which interpretations will be presented on the theme "Interpreting the Gospel in Today's World" and "Renewal of the Church's Ministry;" Services of Worship and Bible Study on Romans 8. Four Study Sections will each consider one of the sub-themes: (1) "For the Remaking of Man;" (2) "For the Renewal of Worship and Witness;" (3) "For the Calling of the Churches Together;" 4) "For the Redemption of the World."

It is exciting to think of fellow Presbyterians around the world preparing by study and prayer to meet in Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, in August. A letter to delegates to the Conference states:—

"Enthusiasm for the Frankfurt Council is high, not only because God speaks to us anew by His Spirit, but because He comes to us, is present with us, and yet leads us beyond our present state. People 'have hopes' for the Council because they feel the urgent need for renewal in the Church today, and because they are learning anew to 'exult in the hope of the divine splendour that is to be ours' as we 'continue at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have been allowed to enter the sphere of God's grace, where we now stand' (Romans 5:1-5). This, then, is the true basis for our work together before, during, and after the Council. It is no light cause for rejoicing that people belonging to a tradition called 'Reformed according to the Word of God' are rediscovering the drastic demands which those words place upon them and their churches today."

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"O SPEAK AND MAKE ME LISTEN"

Speak to us, Lord,
Until our hearts are melted,
To share in Thy compassion
For the lost;
Till our souls throb
With burning intercession.
That they shall know Thy name,
What'er the cost.

(Selected)

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You — and your Adult Group

"YOU'VE BEEN ASKED TO LEAD 'THE DEVOTIONS' !"

by MISS ISABEL ANDERSON

(*This article has been prepared to give guidance in planning a formal worship service.*)

"Yes, and I don't know where to begin! Oh well, I'll drop in on Marge tomorrow night, and perhaps also chat with Mrs. Watson next door. Both of them have done this often enough, and I know they will have lots of ideas. Maybe I can even borrow a copy of something they have used, which I can just read."

Is this YOUR reaction in similar circumstances? Certainly it is a fast, simple, way of getting "something" ready, and all of us can benefit by someone else's work. However, just as the children learn in school by putting effort into research and study, so we will grow and mature, as Christians, by endeavouring to make our own preparation when called upon.

"But," you may say, "how or where do I begin to prepare a Service of Worship?" The answer is as simple as to a similar question about any task — "begin at the beginning."

There are three steps one may take in such preparation:—

First—Prepare yourself.
Second—Prepare your material.
Third—Prepare the worshippers.

To *prepare oneself* to lead others in the worship of God takes time, thought, and prayer. We must remember that we are attempting to lead others into His presence, and first we must be reverent and silent before Him in privacy, in obedience to His command, "Be still and know that I am God." When we come to Him in this way, and with an earnest desire to know His will, so that we may be used of Him to reveal it to others, there is no doubt that He will open our hearts and minds to receive His message from His word. He will give us the wisdom and understanding to grasp the lessons and the truths He would have us share with the members of our group. Certainly, in the process, our own spiritual life will be deepened and greatly enriched.

Now we may pass on to the second step — prepare your material, remembering always that we must continue to seek God's guidance. Special consideration should be given to the verse, or verses, of scripture which will form the basis of the meditation.

You may say at this point, "But I don't feel capable of analyzing a verse, or portion of Scripture, without help from someone else." Is this really a legitimate objection, when we are seeking the help of the best "Someone Else" by making our effort a matter of prayer? He has invited us to ask, with the promise that we shall receive; to seek, with the promise that we shall find; and to knock, with the promise that the way will be opened to us. Are you willing to take Him at His Word? It could, and does, happen that God will give you a thought, or interpretation of that particular verse, or portion of Scripture, that neither you, nor the other members of your group, have ever had before. Wouldn't it be a real thrill to feel that God is honouring you by using you as a vessel in His hands, to convey a new facet of His truth to others? Another possibility is that you may be able to pass along a thought that just fulfils someone's particular need.

Having approached your study in this way, it may be that you will feel led to discuss your thoughts with an understanding friend, or someone else in your group, whom God may use to give you further light on the subject. Also, if there is a literature rack in your Church, you may be guided to something revealing there, or your Minister or Deaconess may be able to suggest helpful reading for you.

If possible, read the chosen portion of Scripture in more than one version of the Bible. This often gives it new shades of meaning, that had not occurred to you before. If you do not have a copy of any of the newer versions, perhaps your Minister or Deaconess could lend one to you.

We will now assume that your material is ready, and the time has come for you to lead the Service of Worship for your group. They, too, must be prepared, and this is our third step. We should commence their preparation by remembering them before God in our private devotions, asking that He will make their hearts and minds receptive and willing to hear the message He has given you to convey to them. It may help to have a verse of an appropriate hymn played softly before the Service begins, during which everyone present could bow in silent prayer. Appear before them quietly and reverently, emanating the sacredness of the occasion. When leading in prayer, reading the Scripture, announcing a hymn, or delivering the meditation, do so in a clear, distinct, voice that everyone may drink in, and benefit by everything that is said.

To have the group join with you in a hymn and some form of a prayer, or to have one or two others lead in prayer, adds to their feeling of real participation in the Service. Are you aware of any particular, personal needs of any individual members of your group? Is there sorrow, serious illness, or discouragement, which should be remembered in the prayer, or prayers? Is there outstanding blessing, restoration to health, or some other reason for which special thanks should be expressed? If these are included it adds to the group's feeling of oneness and unity in worship. To make particular mention in your prayers of the area of the work, or of the individual Missionaries about whom you will be studying during the programme period, helps to deepen the interest of the members in that sphere of work, or person.

It is often helpful to have one or two verses of a hymn suitable to the theme sung by everyone at the opening and closing of the Worship Period. If your Service can be held immediately preceding, or following, your programme or speaker, it makes for continuity and effectiveness.

These suggestions are made in the hope that they will help YOU to grow in your Christian experience, and that your contribution in this way will help others in your group, to grow spiritually. As our sense of God's presence and guidance continues with us, we will have a broader and deeper understanding, and appreciation, of the need for the extension of His kingdom, to the uttermost parts of the earth. We will have a fresh vision of the vastness, and the value, of the work in which our Society is engaged, and an ever increasing desire to win "The World for Christ."

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Your Prayers are asked

—For all preparing for leadership in Vacation Church Schools and Camps, that they may realize their responsibilities and be guided as they have the privilege of working with children and youth.

—For all members of all groups, as plans for vacation time are made, that each one may find it a time of refreshment and of renewal in the faith.

—For the work of the whole Church in Formosa, as it seeks to give leadership in a country confused by many political problems.

—For the work that Miss Hermanson and Miss Douglas are carrying on in the villages of Formosa, in the healing ministry, and in the Tamkang Middle Schools. Pray that we in Canada may understand how we may best serve in the Christian outreach in Formosa.

—For our National Missionaries, that the inspiration and enthusiasm they have received at the 100th and the 50th Anniversaries Celebrations, in Montreal, will not only bring into focus the magnitude of their task, as a great group of workers, but will also strengthen their witness and determination to make Christ's love a reality to more people across the land, in the years ahead.

Sharing in Canadian Missions

IMPRESSIONS OF A PRESBYTERY DEACONESS

by MISS EMILY DRYSDALE

"The Deaconess" is not a new phenomenon in this area. Indeed, she has been here for many years, travelling in the Rocky Mountain House area, and then in the whole area of Red Deer Presbytery. I have been the Red Deer Presbytery Deaconess for almost a year now, and it seems as if I had always known and loved this part of the country — the Parklands of Alberta. All that I had heard about the charm; the informal, hearty hospitality; the farms; the rolling foothills; the sunshine; was not a myth. Of course, I had to discard the tall tales about the wild west, but, from the very beginning, people accepted me as the "new Deaconess", the latest in a long line of adventuresome young ladies, who drove the Women's Missionary Society Van. The role was new to me, but to them it was a familiar one, as they had always asked the Deaconess to speak at the Fall Thankoffering service, and the C.G.I.T. Mother and Daughter Banquet, or help to get the Church School under way in the Fall.

Most of the Presbyterian Churches in this area are small, often serving rural communities, sometimes in the dual role of Church and Community Centre, as the schools are nearly all consolidated. The rural churches are often combined into a two or three-point charge with one Minister. Red Deer Presbytery extends approximately sixty miles west, east, and south, of the city of Red Deer, making the Van a necessity, as a means of transportation and for carrying supplies.

My work here is generally in the field of Christian Education. When I first arrived in July, 1963, my immediate concern was with Camps at Kannawin, Sylvan Lake, and with Vacation Church Schools held throughout the Presbytery. This work with the children is rewarding, mostly because it is enjoyed so much by the children, but also because it gives the Deaconess an opportunity to become acquainted with the families and leadership-potential within the congregation.

Some of the Vacation Schools, especially those held in the Rocky Mountain House area, are the only programmes of Christian Education offered to the children all year round. In other places, the Vacation School is the forerunner of a Sunday School, which would be organized in September; and in some places it is a part of the ongoing Christian Education programme, and the congregation can manage very well without much outside assistance.

All through the winter, I have been working with several mid-week groups, from C.O.C. to Senior Hi age; and it almost seems like an extension of the field-work programme offered at Ewart College. Often I do the planning, leading, and home visitation myself, finding this an opportunity to reach children who do not attend Church School, or to help some youngster who does not readily fit into a group. But I must also recruit Leaders for the groups, and prepare them to continue the leadership.

It is said that children are the same everywhere, but sometimes I wonder if children are not freer and happier in the rural and small-town areas. Certainly they have a warm friendliness and innocent sense of humour, which is not always noticeable in the often hardened and rebellious city children in downtown areas.

The younger C.G.I.T. girls can be wildly enthusiastic about cooking Indian food, and, to a milder degree, in learning about school girls at the Helen MacDonald School at Jhansi. The Seniors study seriously the problems of Indian young people, as they break away from the age-old discipline of family life, and look for jobs and marriage arrangements, which are compatible to both generations. But what do you do when the girls arrive at the meeting with "Beatle Buttons" four inches in diameter, pinned inappropriately on their middies? Can the Leader channel their enthusiasm for Mission Study into a permanent concern for, and desire to help, people in other countries, because it is the Christian way to love our brothers?

My work, to a very large extent, involves me with children, young people, and their Leaders, but as Presbytery Deaconess I also am concerned with the organization of Rallies and Workshops on the Presbytery level.

I am not sure whether it is a western characteristic, or a new trend in Church life, but it impresses me how the people here enjoy doing things together. For example, last fall, we held a Presbyterial Workshop for all Leaders of mid-week groups, and, in addition, an Adult Department. Leaders from every congregation attended, and worked together, taking back to their local groups renewed enthusiasm and new ideas. Besides the Workshop the Presbyterial plans both Fall and Spring meetings, plus an annual meeting. The Presbyterial President, members of the Executive, and myself, are visiting this Spring, each group of women, whether they be Women's Missionary Society or Ladies' Aid groups, so that a real effort is being made to bring all groups closer together within the Presbyterial.

Our Leadership Training Programme for Church School superintendents and teachers is perhaps another example of our togetherness. The Presbytery Christian Education Committee has organized monthly meetings, to be held at the central church of the Presbytery — Knox, Red Deer, and here Leaders gather from all over the Presbytery, for lectures on this year's theme — "Jesus Christ", followed by discussion and study together.

The Senior Hi members also enjoy getting together for Rallies and "Sports Nights". Although there are only four organized groups, all teens come to the Rallies. Prehaps the enthusiasm engendered there will inspire youth from some areas to form groups of their own.

The Junior Choir Rally, which is held here annually on the Palm Sunday, is one of the highlights of the year for each participating Junior Choir. A children's Service of Worship is held, and some of the choirs sing special individual anthems; then all choirs join together to sing, and indeed it is thrilling to hear their songs of praise!

Mutual sharing, at the Presbytery level, is good for most groups, which might otherwise become ingrown. No doubt, every group has problems, but when we succumb to the attitude which says "Ours are hopeless", that is when we are nourishing, rather than overcoming our problems. In the larger group, with others putting forth solutions to just such problems as we have, we can see that a change is necessary, and can be enacted. Old habits which have little or no purpose or meaning can be torn away —"Others have faced similar problems and can advise us". Perhaps here we are following Paul's advice to the Thessalonians, when he said, "Encourage one another and build one another up".

And so I have a variety of work, each phase of it being as different as individuals differ from one another, and all of it as colorful as human personalities. As each new situation arises, I know I must stop and examine it, and seek God's help and His guidance. I also know the dangers of becoming lost in a maze of activities and busyness, and so I must always keep goals and purposes in mind, and continually evaluate and pray for renewed spirit and strength.

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THE SECRET

"I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way;
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day."

(Bishop Ralph Cushman)

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

ONE ASPECT OF THE MISSION IN TAIWAN

by MISS HILDUR K. HERMANSON, Reg.N.

Come with us on a trip to the East Coast! Visit the various Tribes, as well as the Taiwanese Churches! We extend this invitation to you all!

Our "East Coast" trips are very wearying, also the travel expenditures are heavy. Because of the latter, we have had to limit our trips to one trip in May, and one in October or November. The May one to the Hualien Amis Women and the Bunun women; the Autumn one to the Taitang section of Amis, and to the Pyuma tribe — this along the Eastern Pacific coast. On our return trip, we stop at one of the Paiwan villages, for a meeting with the women of that group. Our visits have been of shorter duration, leaving no time for visits to individual churches, as we did when we first went to the East Coast. There is considerable competition as to where the meetings are to be held; all realize that when we stay in a village sharing their homes and food, and learning of their problems, we are of much more help to them. We can discuss their most pressing problems, and sometimes help them solve some of them.

The women's conferences in each ethnic group have to be well planned ahead, so as not to have to 'back track.' This entails a voluminous correspondence in Chinese and Japanese. The older ones read Japanese, the younger ones are learning Chinese. Grace Kay Chai helped my colleague, Miss Lily Lim, with this. Lily is the "Mover of mountains" — written up by Mrs. Henry of the United Presbyterian Church. She is the daughter of the Miauli Pastor, a graduate of the Christian Education Department of our Theological College. A tiny girl who works mightily to dispel superstition, illiteracy and lethargy!

Christian Literature and study material must be bought, prepared, and mailed to some central spot to be picked up as needed. Any relief supplies and hand-work materials must be prepared, and sent to the East Coast by truck. The Minister of Taitung Taiwanese Church graciously stored all these until we called for them. While attending nearby conferences we slept in the Manse, which was much more comfortable than the villages.

Now the dates are set; medicines,

bedding, and some tins of food and coffee are packed by my cook. Early one morning, we set out in the Rambler station wagon, my colleague Miss Lily Lim, my driver (who helps with the clinics and interprets for me at times), and I. We shall tell you of our October 1963 visit to the Southern end of the East Coast.

The first night we spent in Tainan with Miss Kathleen Moody, starting off very early the following morning to go around the South end of the Island. We arrived in Taitung in early afternoon and went directly to the first conference—Pyuma and Druka. The Pyuma people received their first instruction in spiritual matters from the Taiwanese and Amis Tribe. At first, the women were part of the Amis women's group, under the Mountain Work Committee. However, now that the Amis Tribe have established their own Presbytery, the Pyuma are on their own, nine small churches under the Mountain Work Committee of the Taiwan Presbyterian Church. They are a very intelligent group, many of the older women can read Japanese, and the younger ones speak and read Chinese. There is also one Druka Church on the East Coast, and they join with the Pyuma in any meetings held, and seem to have a very fine fellowship. All are very anxious to study Bible, and anything else pertaining to spiritual and economic growth. They buy literature for their young people and for the children.

Next morning we again met with this group. But in the afternoon the Taitung area Amis W.M.S. began their meeting in a village just on the outskirts of Taitung. The president of that section had taken some lessons in sewing, and gave two very vivid lessons using a ruler and tape to measure, also illustrating on the blackboard. My colleague and I carried on with our usual classes. The Amis Pastors took the evening services which gave us a break. Being in their own language, they received a respite from interpreting.

Our usual programme is, by request, composed of Bible study (Acts has just been put into the Ami language, and that was the study we had prepared); Hymn singing; use of Sunday School materials; Child training; Diet; Health and Hygiene. This conference finished on Friday afternoon. Saturday, we made home visits with the Taiwanese Pastor and his wife. Sunday, I spoke at the afternoon service in his Church, and Miss Lim joined the Saturday evening Young People's group.

On Monday morning, very early, we set out for the second sectional meeting of Ami women. It was held about seventy miles north of Taitung, near the Pacific coast. We had not been that far north in that area for many years, as a bridge had been out, so it was quite an event. They now have a large cement Church, which was filled with delegates and their babies. The driver and I were kept very busy in our clinic, and with cleaning-up jobs. One thing we were not prepared for was an infestation of bed bugs in the Elder's house! It has a thatched roof, and is quite a large building, housing several families related to the elder. We were unable to sleep, in spite of all the BHC with which we doused the sleeping platform. One would need to stay there a week or more to have the whole village cleaned up, and it would require quantities of insecticide. Now the doctors do not allow me to go on rough roads; I do not expect to go there again. Who will come to carry on this work? The people beg for help. Just telling them what to do is not enough to solve such a serious problem. One must hold demonstration classes, and work with them to show them it can be done.

The evening of the second day we could leave, as one of the Ami-tribe Pastors was scheduled to give his talks and reading lessons for the next morning. Also they had to have election of officers and discussion, which they do in their own language without interpretation. We spent the night with Taiwanese friends half-way to Taitung, and were treated to baths, beds and breakfast next morning.

As we had a four and one-half hour drive next morning to the Paiwan village south of Taitung, we got an early start, picked up our supplies at the Taitung Church and bought some food. When we arrived at the designated village we found the conference going full blast since early morning. There were delegates from all twelve Churches in that area. The discussion periods were most stimulating and, to 'top things off', one of the delegates got up to say—"We wish to thank you for your teaching and for your help. We feel that we are beginning to make progress in Bible study, especially now that portions of the Bible are in Paiwan language. (Rev. J. Whitehorn, English Presbyterian missionary has done the translation). Now we understand more. Also we wish to especially thank you for teaching and helping us get rid of lice and bed bugs. Before, we did not know what to do. The children were bitten by them, and the bites became infected, causing them to become boils. Now we know we can keep from getting into such a bad state again." It was a thrilling moment when they all clapped!

How can we help these Mountain people, who are just emerging from a 'Bow and Arrow' existence and are now trying to find a place in this present age, and also to take their place in the structure of the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church? As they begin to undertake responsibility, and, as Presbyteries are in the hands of their own Pastors and preachers, many with little training or formal education, they need our prayers, our support, and they need personnel to teach them and encourage them in their work, for the furtherance of the Kingdom. The women, too, want a part in the task of Evangelism and nurture.

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing beseeching him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us' ".

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STAFF NEWS —

This year 1964 is one of the years in which a number of our staff return on furlough. We are thankful that so many are able to share with us during our Anniversary year.

MISS PAULINE BROWN has spent the Winter studying at the University of Ottawa. She has been working on her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Miss Brown will be doing some deputation during the Spring and Summer months, and it is expected she will continue her study in the autumn.

MISS ISABEL TAYLOR has been in Canada since July. She has spent the Winter in New York, auditing courses in Religious Drama and Sacred Music. She is expecting to return to Formosa in the late Summer of this year.

MISS AGNES GOLLAN has been in Canada since October. Her winter has been very busy, doing deputation in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. She will be returning to Nigeria this month, to resume her duties in Christian Education with the Nigerian Presbyterian Church.

MISS EDITH MAGEE of our school in Jhansi, India, arrived in Canada in November. She has been doing deputation in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. She will be returning to her work in the Helen MacDonald Memorial School in Jhansi in the Summer of this year.

MISS MARGARET RAMSAY returned to Canada from British Guiana in April. She will be visiting some of the groups during the summer and the Autumn, before returning to her work in British Guiana.

MISS AGNES HISLOP arrived at her home in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, early in April. Plans are for her to visit the Eastern Division for several weeks. Then, after the Summer in Saskatchewan, Miss Hislop plans to enter the University of Saskatchewan as part of her preparation for a degree in Christian Education.

MISS DOROTHY BULMER, of Nigeria, arrived in Canada the middle of April. She will be visiting a number of groups in Canada before her return to Nigeria.

MISS AUDREY PRENDERGAST of the Bhil Field, India, arrived home in mid-April. If her plans are worked out, it is expected she may do some study. We will hope that some of the groups in Canada will meet her before her return to her work.

MRS. L. W. GEHMAN arrived from Vellore, India, the first of May. She will be spending some time in visiting some of the groups in Canada.

MISS MARGARET KENNEDY who was the Special Speaker for the Anniversary, will be returning to her work in India, following a brief holiday here. She is planning to return in July.

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THE GARDEN OF GLORY

Gethsemane's Garden with all of its loss
May lead to the anguish and pain of the cross;
    But after the cross with its sorrow and gloom,
    The "garden near by" has a glory-filled tomb.
Today I may weep in the Garden of Sorrow:
The Garden of Glory will greet me tomorrow!

O Garden of Glory, O Garden of Light:
No sickness, no sadness, no sorrow, no night!
    The grave hath no vict'ry, and death has no sting:
    My Saviour is risen, Redeemer and King!
Look up, O my soul, from the Garden of Sorrow:
The Garden of Glory will greet me tomorrow!

(Author Unknown)

THE BESSIE MacMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

As of April 15th, 1964, the total amount in the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund was $6,631.53. We now have word that Miss Patras will be able to enter Graduate studies at the University of Western Ontario in the Autumn of this year. With the receipt of this information she is preparing to come to Canada in July or August.

The Fund is remaining open for any further contributions from those who wish to share in assisting Miss Patras to do the task that she has been called to do, and to contribute as a memorial to a very fine Christian leader.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800; 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

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THE WAY OF THE HELPERS

He that speaketh comfortable words to mourners
Healeth his own heart:
In his time of grief they will return to remembrance.
God will use them for balm.

He that careth for the sick and wounded
Watcheth not alone.
There are three in the darkness together,
The Lord is the third —

Blessed is the way of the helpers,
The Companions of the Christ.

(Van Dyke)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

SPRING CLEANING By Mrs. G. R. Harding Wood

That is a title to immediately arrest the attention of all women who are home-makers, isn't it? I must confess to a very real curiosity when I opened the pages of this splendid little book of 119 pages, and found indeed a sure and pithy analysis of what we call "Spring Cleaning" — and also very much more of real interest and help. For this is a book of sixteen helpful and instructive "Talks for Women's Meetings," written by a woman of deep insight, and wide experience in addressing Women's Meetings of many types herself — one who has proven herself to be a much appreciated Speaker, who always gives the spiritual highlights of God's truths as revealed in the Bible, and who has a wonderful gift of "saying the right thing at the right moment, in the right place and in the right way!" Here are some of the Chapter Titles, each just right for a brief address, and each ending with a suitable Prayer — "The Cry of a Child; God's Housekeeping; Shopping; Gardens, Gardening and The Gardener; Beware of the Deceiver; the Operation of His Hands; Women's Rights; Love's Rainbow; The Blood-Stained Door; The Woman Who Can Build; "and, of course, "Spring Cleaning." This is good reading, and could be a prized possession either for Speaker or Listener. Price—$1.10.

ADVENTURES IN THE HOLY LAND By Norman Vincent Peale

As with all of Dr. Peale's writing, and speaking, this book holds your fascinated interest from the first page to the last. Dr. Peale, and his wife, have become thoroughly familiar with the Holy Land, from their many trips there, and from the wealth of background information which extensive reading and exploring of the Scriptures through many years of studying and preaching has given to them. This is a beautiful book of pictures and prose, and the journey begins in Beirut. Jordan, Israel and Syria are well visited, and in his own vivid way, Dr. Peale describes them all—the great monuments; the ruins; the Holy Sites which mean so much to the Christian world — both as he saw them, and in terms of the Bible stories which have made them so historically precious. His pictures are strikingly good, and many show how different is the Holy Land of today from that ancient land of antiquity. This book would make a wonderful gift to some Traveller who plans to visit the Holy Land with some of the many Tours which are organized — but I think you will like to keep it for yourself, perhaps! Price — $5.95.

THE BEATITUDES ARE PATHWAYS TO HAPPINESS

By Leonard Griffith

Dr. Griffith, the author of this new book on "The Beatitudes," is a very scholarly writer and the Minister of the well-known City Temple, in London, England. Dr. Griffith, knowing well how prone people are in these difficult days to look upon these words of Jesus as paradoxes in times like these, shows with great clarity and perception that the very reverse is true — that The Beatitudes really are Christ's description of the true way of life for all, the real pathways to happiness for the earnest Christian, who seeks the truths of life. Price $2.75.

Very much along this same line of thought, is the reprint, in paperback, of William Barclay's "The Plain Man Looks at the Beatitudes," which costs but sixty cents, and is a prize at that price. Dr. Barclay's book, written in his distinctively clear and understandable way, says that The Beatitudes are "the essence of the Sermon on the Mount," and his study points out the way of the Kingdom of Heaven, as Jesus set before us in "The Beatitudes," of lyrical beauty and meaning. Price 60c.

HENRY STANLEY AND HIS SECRET KEY By Helen B. Walters

This is a book which any boy, or indeed anyone of any age, would very much like to read. It is about the boyhood and youth of Henry Stanley, the intrepid explorer who found Dr. David Livingstone in the wilds of Africa, when the rest of the world had given up the search, believing indeed that Livingstone must be dead, and that his body would never be found. Stanley, however, was not of this opinion, and made the finding of Livingstone, dead or alive, the high ideal and cherished goal of his life. How he won his goal, over incredible hardship and undauted courage, has become one of the great sagas of exploration, and his calm greeting when, at last, and quite unexpectedly, he did find Livingstone alive and well, has become a classic — "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" Mrs. Walter tells of Stanley's background and boyhood, his hard work and disappointments, and how these made him strong in body and mind, and indomitable of purpose. An interesting and really inspirational book. Price $2.75.

and The Leader!

ONE TO GET READY —

by MARY CARRINGTON

Leaders of girls' groups usually look forward with mixed feelings to the end of group activities in the spring. After a winter's session with active and effervescent teenagers, they thankfully anticipate a relaxed summer of no formal meetings, no pressure, no problems. On the other hand, they know they will miss the bustle of preparation and participation, and the constant challenge of staying at least one jump ahead of inquiring young minds. The holiday is welcome, but they are reluctant to let go the lines entirely. If you have this divided feeling about the long summer break, why not spend a few of those lovely hours of leisure in preparing yourself to be a better Leader? Here are a few ways to make your summer a growing as well as a relaxing experience:—

ONE TO GET READY

Most of us have a list of books we have always planned to read—when we got the time. This year include in this list some background reading to prepare yourself for the next year's challenges, and just for your own personal enrichment. Set yourself a stint of three as your summer project. Here are some you might consider:—

1. *These Cities Glorious** by Lawrence H. Janssen, published by Friendship Press. $1.75. This book will widen your horizons on the place of the Church in the world.
2. *Through the Valley of the Kwai** by Ernest Gordon, published by Harper Brothers, New York. (Pocketbook) 60c. This is not a pleasant book, but it will challenge you to re-examine your faith.
3. *The Young Adolescent in the Church,** Westminster Press. $1.25 This book will help you to get a new view of the relationship between you and your girls.

Perhaps you are one of the many who have started, but never finished, a C.G.I.T. Correspondence Course. This summer would be a good time to pick it up again.

TWO TO GET SET

Your winter's projects will be easier to carry out if you've done a little advance preparation. The Mission Study for 1964-65 will be available during the summer. Get your copy as soon as possible and start now to collect pictures and articles on "The Inner City" which is the theme for 1964-65.

Since a Bible study is basic in every year's programme, obtain copies of those available from the C.G.I.T. Committee, and those which have been prepared by the Presbyterian National Girls' Work Committee. Look them over for some that will meet the needs of *your* group, or better still, plan an original one just for your girls.

The new programming for C.G.I.T. includes a third major Study Project. You will find suggestions for this Study Project on page 11 of the new "How To Begin." This Project will demand more imagination and pre-planning on your part, because it *is* new and there isn't a great deal of programme resource material available. Spend a little time this summer thinking about the needs of *your* girls in relationship to this new area. If you have a senior group, you might look at "You, and Church Membership." Leaders of intermediates might find help in "The Burning Bush." Both of these were issued as Bible Studies but their themes fit neatly into this new project area. The filmstrip "The Plan" will provide you with at least three good meetings on stewardship.

Now is the time to be looking around for interesting studies and projects in connection with your own congregation or community. Give it some thought so you'll have something to suggest, besides mending hymn books and making tray favours at Easter. Of course, these two familiar projects might be something your group hasn't tried yet, so don't disregard them just because they are "old hat."

Try out some new handcrafts. It's surprising how much easier it is to teach the girls when you've done it yourself. *What Do You Do With Your Hands?,* will give you lots of ideas with which to experiment. (Obtainable from your C.G.I.T. supply depot.) Use your summer to explore the congregation to see what hidden sources of talent you can tap, to strengthen the programme in various ways. Help sometimes comes from unexpected quarters, like the elderly lady who just happens to be a very knowledgeable bird-watcher.

If your group is one of several in your congregation, you might suggest a Leaders' Weekend, when all the Leaders gather at a cottage, or some such place, to get to know one another better and to plan generally for the fall.

THREE TO GO — to camp, of course!

Camping is the original "learning by doing" school. Every camp counsellor learns far more than she imparts to the campers, and what is learned in the summer about living, playing, and working with girls will be invaluable during the winter. So why not invest a few of those lazy summer days in a free leadership training course that you couldn't buy with money! Your local Camp Committee will be delighted to hear from you right now. It's never too late to volunteer, and you've got what they want — enthusiasm, interest, and experience. So there you are — get ready, get set, and go — into a new year. It's coming fast. Be sure you're ready for it!

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THE CHARRED CROSS OF COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Of great significance was the solemn Service of Dedication, when the famous Charred Cross of Coventry Cathedral, in London, which has held a place of honour in the war-bombed ruins of this beautiful and historic Coventry Cathedral for the past 24 years, was erected in the Music Garden of the Orthodox and Protestant Church Centre of the New York World's Fair. This 12-foot Cross is made from the charred timbers from the roof of the Coventry Cathedral, which was destroyed by bombing in November of 1940. The loan of this Cross is a reminder of the Christian message of reconciliation, and was arranged by the U. S. Conference for the World Council of Churches, composed of the Council's 30 member Churches in the United States, and it will be on loan to the Protestant Council of the City of New York for exhibit at the World's Fair, for the two years of its duration. A smaller Cross of Nails, made from the fourteenth century hand-forged nails which fell from the roof of the Cathedral on the night of the bombing, was a gift to the Council.

"There is nothing beautiful about either of these Crosses which I bring to you," said the Very Rev. Dr. H. C. N. Williams, provost of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry, in his "Service of Commission" on that April day in the Music Garden, when the Charred Cross was placed in position in front of a wall on which the words "Father Forgive" are inscribed. "But," he continued, "being born at a moment of human suffering and crises, they are placed directly within the shadow of the Cross of Calvary, and, like any Cross which is a reflection of human suffering, convey precisely the healing faith which the Cross of Jesus Christ has proclaimed. If, on the world stage of the World's Fair, the Charred Cross of Coventry, and the Coventry Cross of Nails, can induce humanity to take another look at the agony of the world today, and to lift up their eyes and look to the hills of vision, then their coming here will have been a mission of peace and reconciliation."

The Charred Cross has stood, ever since the bombing, in the fire bucket in which it was then placed, and to which it will return at the close of the New York World's Fair, where literally millions of people of every faith and colour will have looked upon it, and remembered how this historic old Cathedral of worship died in the flames of a terrible war, and has now, with the erection of the lovely new Cathedral of Coventry, been resurrected to even greater beauty and service to the Lord. Dr. Williams told how the new Cathedral has drawn to its portals two million visitors a year, and that "around these Crosses of Coventry have been enacted continuous programmes of acts of reconciliation and creative forward-looking enterprises of hope!" Sixteen young Germans, whose people devastated the old Cathedral in the last war, built an International Centre of Reconciliation around this Charred Cross of Coventry, and "tens of thousands of young foreigners" come to visit the new Coventry Cathedral and this striking Cross every year. A new Hostel is being erected nearby to accommodate the 400 young people from nearly 30 countries, who study and work at the Cathedral each summer.

Thus, as the Provost said, "the crucifixion of men's hope was followed by the resurrection of hope and vision, and trust and peace. If the Christian faith has anything whatever to offer the world, it is its central conviction in the necessity to forgive one another, as we want God to forgive us, and to allow hope and trust, daily, weekly, and yearly, to rise again." The Charred Cross has come to mean all of this, and to symbolize "the over-arching unity of the Churches; and to emphasize the basic doctrine of resurrection and reconciliation."

Attending the "Service of Dedication," were two Presidents of the World Council of Churches; the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York; representatives of the British and German Consulates; the President of the Protestant Council; the Chairman of the Coventry Cross Fund; and Archbishop Iakovas, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. A negro choir, from Charlotte, North Carolina — the 34-voice Johnson C. Smith University Choir — sang the Anthem, "Let Thy Holy Presence," and the Latin hymn, "Ascendit Deus". A most impressive Ceremonial!

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FROM THE POEM "RENASCENCE"

The world stands out on either side
No wider than the heart is wide;
Above the world is stretched the sky, —
No higher than the soul is high.
The heart can push the sea and land
Farther away on either hand;
The soul can split the sky in two,
And let the face of God shine through!
(Edna St. Vincent Millay)

MISSIONARIES GAVE US THESE FLOWERS!

By MARION HENDERSON

WE OWE A considerable debt to missionaries and ministers who, while they preached the gospel in foreign lands, found solace and uplift in the study of wild flowers. Flowers from all parts of the world tell us of men who have gone to the lonely places of the earth and become interested in the plants they found growing there.

Missionaries, who preached in the remotest parts of the world, have their names perpetuated in the flowers they collected and sent home, to be included among the long list of plants that reached us from abroad.

In the eighteenth century, Protestant England sent out missionaries to South Africa, and one of the first was John Banister who proved his knowledge of botany by writing the first known catalogue of plants. His name lives on in the elegant silvery-leaved climber that he brought back from Brazil.

Few people realise that the beautiful camelia commemorates a Jesuit priest — Joseph Kamel — who sent from the Philippine Islands the shrub which every gardener longs to be able to grow in his plot of ground. The perfection of a pure white camelia belongs to the things of the Spirit.

William Carey, the man who founded the Baptist Missionary Society, will always be remembered for his preaching, as well as for the charming little plant — careya — named after him. He found it growing in India and sent it home to a gardening friend near London. The latter was so impressed by Carey's plant that he sent it to Kew, where it was successfully grown and sent to other botanical gardens throughout the country.

When I gaze at the beauty of the first lavender-coloured primula that comes into bloom in the wake of the snowdrop, it is difficult to believe that a humble French Abbe, a man in ill-health, while he strove to bring Christianity to the Chinese, chanced on this lovely spring flower and straightway sent it to Europe, where it has been grown for a century and a half. Its popularity in the ordinary British garden, however, dates back to the beginning of the present century when rockeries, crazy paving and stone walls introduced the plants we call alpines today.

An English missionary, Ellis by name, went out to the island of Madagascar about the end of the last century and there discovered the white orchid. Ellis sent specimens of this rare plant home to Kew, and as a consequence, the cultivation of orchids — familiarly known as "The Rich Man's Flower" — became an instant inspiration of every mansion-house gardener.

A Scots minister, the Rev. W. Colenso, travelled to New Zealand to preach the Gospel, and at the same time he started to botanise the high mountains of that country, discovering the rare plants that flourished in the forests and on the summits of the hills. Fortunately, Colenso met Charles Darwin the year after he arrived in New Zealand, and the latter advised him to study the wild life of the country. As a result the Scots minister began an association with Kew that lasted for over fifty years. He would scale the heights in company with the Maoris.

When he first came across patches of blue gentians on the mountains of New Zealand, he forgot everything but the beauty of those flowers. Writing of his discovery he said. "They completely staggered me with their beauty, and my friends the Maoris and I were all empty-handed. However, as I had no time to lose, I first pulled off my jacket, a light travelling coat, and made a bag of that. Then, driven by necessity, I added thereto my shirt, and by tying the neck, etc., got an excellent bag, whilst some specimens of plants I stowed in the crown of my hat."

"God gave us flowers," an evangelist wrote, "that we might know that resurrection follows death."

(From the Editor's Scrapbook)

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GRACE FOR GARDENS

LORD God in Paradise,
Look upon our sowing;
Bless the little gardens
And the good green growing!

Give us sun,
Give us rain,
Bless the orchards
And the grain!

Lord God in Paradise,
For the wonder of the seed,
Wondering, we praise you, while
We tell you of our need.

Look down from Paradise,
Look upon our sowing.
Bless the little gardens
And the good green growing!

Give us sun,
Give us rain,
Bless the orchards
And the grain!

(Selected)

TIME FOR DINNER

by STEPHEN TUDOR SUPIYE,

Southern Rhodesia

AFRICANS, like most people in the world, have several varieties of food and many fascinating ways of preparing it. I, an African of the Shona people of Southern Rhodesia, can testify that our food is good. I love it and eat a lot of it, as my physical well-being testifies.

Our (all of the following has to do with the Shonas) staple food is maize. We grind it into powder and call it "mealie-meal". A mixture of mealie-meal and boiling water makes a substance known as "sadza". We eat it with many varieties of relishes. It is delicious, which, by the way, is fortunate, as it is our chief food.

There are several kinds of sadza, depending on what kind of mealie-meal is used: corn mealie-meal, millet, wheat, rice. The most common sadza is made out of maize mealie-meal. Even the most advanced Africans still eat sadza. One day I had sadza with an African medical doctor. Besides sadza, we also eat large quantities of rice. Those in rural areas grow it, while those in urban areas buy it from groceries. Rice is usually served with chicken as the relish. We look upon rice as the food of the rich. Anyone who does not eat rice frequently is regarded as inferior.

Africans usually have two meals a day, lunch and supper. Almost all Africans in urban areas eat breakfast, which is principally porridge, or tea and bread, and, of course, a lot of milk. We like sugar in porridge and tea.

Africans eat a lot of meat, which we get from our pigs, goats, cattle, sheep, fowls. When we kill a cow, the meat is shared among the families of the same kin. The other parts of the cow are often sold to neighbours. All close friends are given meat free of charge.

The Shonas eat the meat of wild animals more often than the meat of domestic animals. But this applies only to Africans in rural areas, where hunting is done. Men and boys hunt rabbits, wild-pigs, springboks, rock-rabbits, springhares, duikers, etc. We prefer the meat of wild animals over the meat of domestic animals. Because of this, hunting is one of the chief hobbies of our people. Women do not hunt, but they go to look for caterpillars, etc., which they use as relishes. They also gather wild vegetables and mushrooms to add zest to sadza.

Each kind of sadza, whether it be corn, millet, wheat, rice or maize, is prepared according to the kind of relish a family has. As I have said, if a family is having rice sadza, say, the relish is usually chicken. As you can see, we enjoy variety in food. The relish is often prepared to give appetite to the family.

The Africans who have cattle do a lot of milking, using the milk for tea, for mixing with porridge, and for using as a relish with sadza. When we want to use milk as a relish, we first store it in a gourd, or a big mud-pot, for one-and-a-half days. It becomes a thick mass, and is good with sadza.

As communication increases in our country, we find that what is used as relish with sadza by one tribe may not be used by another tribe of the same country. Habits and manners are very important in the ceremony of eating. Both young and old are expected to wash their hands before they eat. Talking is prohibited during this eating period. The threatening words used are "If people talk while they are eating, the lions will invade their homes!" Children fear lions, and usually keep quiet during the meal. The oldest among the children see that everyone of them gets enough to eat.

In a big family where boys and girls are many, the mother divides the children according to sex, the boys sitting on one side, the girls on the other. In some families, the father and mother eat together, but in others the father eats alone, and the mother eats with her daughters. In this case, the boys eat by themselves. Our food is good. We love it! (African Features)

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THE BUILDER

A builder builded a temple;
He wrought with care and skill—
Pillars and groins and arches
Were fashioned to meet his will.

A teacher builded a temple,
She wrought with skill and care—
Forming each pillar with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust,
Pillars and groins and arches,
Food for consuming rust.

But the temple the teacher builded
Shall endure while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

—Author Unknown

Boys and Girls!

SUMMER VACATION FOR TIBETAN CHILDREN

by MARGARET W. FERGUSON

(This story was condensed and re-written from information supplied by Miss Magee, Miss Leask, and Miss Whale.)

Camping is really fun! Most children in Canada have either been to Camp, or have heard all about it from children who have. In some places you go by bus, and in others you go by train, then again Dad or Mother might have to drive you, if the Camp is back in the woods by a lake, where buses and trains don't go.

Do you know any children from Tibet who have gone to Camp? Of course you don't! The Presbyterian Church in Canada does not even

The 20 Tibetan Children

have Missionaries in Tibet, but they do have Missionaries in the North of India. Listen while I tell you how twenty Tibetan children came to our Mission, and how they were taken Camping by Miss Margaret Leask and Miss Diana Wadsworth, with the help of 3 other ladies.

In 1956, the people of Eastern Tibet revolted against Communist China. China had pretended to be the Liberator of Tibet, but had treated the people cruelly, taking their homes and lands, slaughtering their herds, killing parents, wives and children, or leaving them to starve. The menfolk had only their horses and guns, and a desire for revenge, so they took to the hills to make plans, and left the old people, women and children, to roam the land in rags, looking for food to keep themselves alive.

The Dalai Lama (Tibetan leader) was allowed to come into North India, and he appealed to his Christian friends to help educate refugee children from Tibet. There were swarms of these children, suffering from disease and malnutrition and lack of clothing. They slept in large heaps to keep warm, for there was no bedding. Gradually these refugees moved south and slipped across the border into India.

From the Refugee Camp at Dharamsala came twenty Tibetan children, aged 7, 8 and 9, to the Jhansi Mission. They said very little about their escape, but one or two said they once had big houses, big fields and lots of gold. They had been warned that the Chinese were coming, so they fled the night before they were expected, taking with them what gold and money they could carry. After this was spent, they had to beg or live on scraps they could pick up. The parents of some of the children work on the roads, making very little money, and are unable to keep their children with them. The girls at the Mission were eager to help these newcomers, and began to sew clothes and helped to make mattresses. The Hospital Matron taught the Tibetan children how to knit cotton squares, and they were so eager to finish they got up at 5.30 a.m. to knit.

At the Jhansi Mission Hostel, there are always some girls who live too far away to go home at Christmas. This year there were 22 of them, plus the 20 Tibetan children. Miss Leask and Miss Wadsworth decided it would be nice to take them for a Christmas holiday to the W.M.S. bungalow at Baragaon — 9 miles from Jhansi, an ideal spot for a large group like this. The bungalow is right out in the country; it has a large central room with a fireplace at each end, and smaller rooms off each side. The roof is large and flat, ideal for work or play. A friend helped them to hire a bus to take the children, bedding and supplies. There was great excitement on December 22nd, the day they left.

After an interesting bus ride, the children were pleased to see the bungalow where they were to stay, and jumped out, eagerly helping to unload the baggage. That night the leaders slept on the floor of the screened front verandah, and the 42 girls on the floors of the inside rooms. During their stay the girls took turns cooking and cleaning. It was a real Camp! Each morning the Leaders and campers worshipped in the little Church beside the bungalow, and each evening there was worship before the fireplace in the large livingroom. When they first came to Jhansi, the Tibetan children did not understand the Hindi language, but by now they knew some of the words, and with the help of a flannel-graph they could follow most of the Bible stories. They loved to sing choruses and hymns, although they didn't know their meaning yet. One child, who seemed strongest in keeping up her Buddhist customs, was heard one night praying aloud to Jesus Christ, and thanking Him for good food and friends.

The day before Christmas one of the Leaders and a group of the biggest girls, decorated the bungalow with green and red streamers, old Christmas cards, and silver stars, cut from tops of old tin cans. They even had a Christmas tree made from branches of a Tamarind tree. The rest of the girls and Leaders went up on the roof and began sewing "silwars" (long full pants that are part of the Punjabi costume), to keep the Tibetan children warm. Tibetan children feel cold in their feet and legs, while the Indian children go barefoot, and feel cold in the head, which they keep warmly covered.

Christmas Day at camp was an international service. There were Bhils, Nepalis, Punjabis, Tibetans, and Canadians. They sang Christmas songs; the Christmas story was read in Hindi from Matthew and Luke; then a Tibetan girl read Luke's account from a Tibetan New Testament. The Bhil girls sang a Bhili hymn, the Christmas Story was retold by flannelgraph, and this meaningful service came to a close with prayers of thankfulness. Christmas dinner in the evening was Pea Pullau and Mutton Curry, then sweets and fruit, (oranges, bananas and guavas), then gifts for all. Games, songs and worship finished a joyous day.

On the 26th the girls were up early, cooking food for the noon meal, as a picnic had been promised to Paricha Dam (5 miles away). A short bus ride and they were there. Some of them had never seen a dam before, and they were interested in it's height and the amount of water stored behind it. There were lovely gardens to admire too, but most of all the children loved the pools of shallow water below the dam. It was warm enough for them to play in the water and they enjoyed it for most of the day.

December 27th saw the bus headed back to Jhansi, filled with 42 happy chorus-singing children. Their first Camping experience had been one they could remember for years to come. (*This will be the offering Project for Junior Camps in Canada.*)

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VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Executive of Victoria Presbyterial met in the Social Suite of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* with President Mrs. J. L. W. McLean presiding. Mrs. F. O. Jenkinson, Supply Secretary, presented an inspiring Devotional, and later, in her Supply Report, asked for knitted articles to be sent to *Mistawasis Reserve*. Synodical highlights were given by Mrs. H. C. Wilson, and Miss G. Scott presented the Treasurer's Report. The Welcome and Welfare Report was given by Mrs. F. Osborne. President, Mrs. McLean, in her Address, stressed the details of Finances from both the Presbyterial and Synodical level, and closed the Meeting with the Mizpah Benediction.

The Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, was held in conjunction with the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Evening Guild. Miss Laura Wood, C.G.I.T. President, conducted the Affiliation Service, assisted by Mrs. J. Read, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, and Mrs. W. Stewart, President of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary, who presented the World Friendship Badges. Mrs. James McNeill, President of the Evening Guild, welcomed the Guest Speaker, who is home on furlough after nine years service in *Malaya.* She is now attending the *University of British Columbia.*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — At the Opening Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* Mrs. S. E. Gunn was re-elected to the Presidency, and the Right Reverend Harry Lennox, C.D., B.A., D.D., gave an inspiring and informative Address on the different Missionary Departments of the Church. Mrs. S. E. Gunn was in charge of the Devotional Period, and Dr. Lennox installed the Officers for 1964-65.

Dr. Ian Rennie, who came recently to *Vancouver,* to become Pastor of Fairview Presbyterian Church, was the Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver*. The Devotional Period was given by Miss Lily Simpson, and Delegates to the Annual Synodical and Presbyterial Meetings brought in excellent Reports. A Social Hour was held at the close of the Meeting when the many guests and the members enjoyed a time of fellowship together.

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PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL—Dr. Roy V. Ward, on furlough from *Nigeria,* who was raised and educated in *Saskatoon,* was Guest Speaker and spoke at both Services of the Mission Festival, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert.* The Morning Service, at which Dr. Ward told of the work and problems at *Uburu Hospital,* where he has worked for two and a half years, was broadcast. Lunch was served at the close of this Service, after which those attending had an opportunity to view the Displays prepared by the C.O.C. Girls, and W.M.S. Groups. A film, "On The Rim of Tomorrow", was shown—*Okinawa, Korea, Formosa* and *Hong Kong*—and interesting Articles from all these countries where our Missionaries are working were on display. Dr. Ward spoke to the Men's Supper Meeting, and, following the Evening Service, a "Fireside Coffee Hour" was held, when Dr. and Mrs. Ward were informally met by many people.

The Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Synodical took place in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, with an unusual and telling Theme — "Revolving Doors", which was kept before delegates by using a model of a revolving door. Above this door was the caption "Doors of Opportunity". The first door was "Responsibility", and Mrs. G. A. Johnston in her Opening Devotions pointed out our responsibility in using our talents, time, and resources, to send forth the Gospel Message to those who know it not. The reverse side of the door showed pictures of members, and symbols of their Groups. Reports of these Groups were then presented. A Panel on Adult Work was moderated by Miss Margaret Boyd and panelists, who were the respective Secretaries. Mrs. W. G. Smith reported on Camp Kum Bah Yah, and the Rev. Stephen How told of Camp Christopher.

A Service of Remembrance opened the Afternoon Session, after which Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, took charge of Buzz Groups, and Question and Answer Periods, on the Children's and Girls Work. During the "Coffee Break", Mrs. H. K. Caslor, Synodical Literature Secretary, presented a splendid Display of Books from the Publications Department. A film on "India" was also shown.

At the Evening Service, "The Door of Outreach", was turned, and Rev. G. A. Johnston, in his Meditation spoke of the opportunities for Christian outreach. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, was Guest Speaker, and in her Address pointed out the need for a rededication of lives to Christ as we start a new century of work. Next morning, the "Door of Study and Service" was opened, and the reverse side of the door emphasized Bible Study; Mission Study; the use of "The Glad Tidings" and good literature; and showed women serving through visiting, etc. Highlights of the Reports in this section were brought out in an interview with Mrs. Smith who asked prepared questions of each Secretary, on Literature, Glad Tidings, Press, Supply, Welcome and Welfare, and Life Membership. The Treasurer, Miss M. I. Scott, gave the Treasurer's Report and answered questions concerning the 20% increase needed.

The Rev. G. A. Johnston installed the Officers for 1964-65, with Mrs. W. A. Wilson, of *Regina,* elected to the Presidency of Saskatchewan Synodical. In the background, was our fourth and last "Door of Rededication", with a picture of praying hands, and of women who were going out in various vocations to give dedicated service. The "Doors of Opportunity" were before us—Responsibility; Outreach; Study and Service; and Rededication—one cannot be opened without involving the others.

The C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale,* entertained Mothers, and Mystery Mothers, of the St. Andrew's, and the Elena McKay, W.M.S. Auxiliaries, at their Annual Affiliation Service, when an Indian Supper was served, in view of the year's Study on South East Asia. Miss E. Fyffe was Leader of the Affiliation Service, which followed Supper, and the four Readers were Diane Cleaveley, Carol Sauers, Faye Cleaveley, and Elsie MacDonald. Mrs. S. J. Sharkey, Girls' Organizations Secretary, explained the meaning of the Affiliation Badge, and Mrs. A. Angus, President of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, presented Affiliation Badges to Nancy Fairbairn, Linda McLeod, and Faye Cleaveley. Affiliation Cards were presented to all the girls by Mrs. W. Thesen, President of Elena McKay W.M.S. Auxiliary. A film, "India Seeking" completed the evening.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — To mark Anniversary Year, the Edna Bell W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* sponsored a successful "Evening of Old Fashioned Entertainment". This was given in a typical parlour of fifty years ago, complete with "family ancestors" on the wall, gas lamps, and brass candlesticks. Mrs. R. Murdock, President of the Group, was "Mother" and Dougie McEachern was her "son". The Programme included vocal trios, duets, a male chorus, a piper, a reading, violin and piano solos. Performers were Mrs. Norman D. Kennedy, Mrs. Gordon Currie; Mrs. William Kelly; Mrs. H. W. Stevenson; Mrs. F. J. Wagner; Miss Joanne MacPherson; Miss Judy Miller; Miss Margaret Graham; Miss Linda Lowey; Miss Jean Tansley; Max Brill; Murray McEachern; William

Harvey; Murray Thompson; John Wright; David Lowey; Stewart Gammie; and Wes Vickers. Members of the Auxiliary gowned in styles of fifty years ago also participated. The Concert finished with the Minister, the Rev. N. D. Kennedy, "dropping in" for a cup of tea which was also served to all of the appreciative audience.

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WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — An Adult Rally, under the convenorship of Mrs. F. L. Jones, Young Women's Promotion Secretary, was held in St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* immediately preceding the Annual Meeting of Manitoba Synodical, with the Theme, "Why Am I in W.M.S.?" Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., of *Nigeria* was Guest Speaker at the Evening Session, using excellent slides to illustrate the work in that land. Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, *Toronto,* was in charge of the Bible Study Periods; the Workshop on various methods of Bible Study, using the Question and Answer Method; Swedish Bible Study; Paraphrases; and Dramatic, and, at the Afternoon Session, she conducted a Workshop on "Prayer". The Closing Devotional Period was given by the Rev. J. Harvey Bishop, B.A., Minister of St. James Presbyterian Church. His subject was "Personal Commitment".

The Annual Meeting of *Manitoba* Synodical was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg.* Members of the W.M.S. Staff in attendance were Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, *Toronto;* Miss Agnes Gollan, on furlough from *Nigeria;* Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, *Toronto;* Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary; Miss Dorothy McCombie, Deaconess *Winnipeg* Presbytery; Miss Helen Ross, Deaconess, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, *Kenora.* The Rev. Mr. Miles, Minister of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg* gave the Opening Devotional, based on Psalm 105, verse 1, the Theme of the Meeting. Miss Kelly, at the Afternoon Session, spoke on "The Beginnings and Growth of the W.M.S."

At the Supper Hour, greetings were brought from the *Synod of Manitoba,* by the Moderator, the Rev. J. Harvey Bishop, B.A., and also from the Chairman of the Inter-Church Council, and all of the Presbyterials. A beautifully-decorated Birthday Cake was cut by Mrs. J. Loney, President of Manitoba Synodical. The Rev. J. Harvey Biship, Minister of St. James Presbyterian Church, opened the Evening Session with prayer, and spoke on the Theme of the meetings. The History of *Brandon* Presbyterial was given by Mrs. J.

Thomson and Mrs. Andrews, illustrated by charts and pictures; *Superior's* history was given by Mrs. H. Johnston; Winnipeg's history was presented by Miss M. Dunwoody, assisted by members in the costume of the period they represented. Miss Gollan's Address on *Nigeria* and her slides of that country, followed.

The highlight of the Sessions was the visit to Old Kildonan Presbyterian Church, the oldest Presbyterian Church west of the Great Lakes, built in 1854. The Rev. Dr. D. C. Hill, Minister of the Church, conducted Communion Service, with Mrs. E. Kirkpatrick, soloist, and a Service of Remembrance was led by Mrs. W. Duthie, of *Hartney,* Synodical Home Helpers Secretary. Lunch was served in Nisbet Hall by the ladies of Kildonan Church.

Back in First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* the Afternoon Devotional was conducted by Miss May Nutt. Mrs. A. M. Long presided for the Report of the Nominating Committee, and Miss Dorothy McCombie installed the Officers. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Hospital Visitor in *Winnipeg,* closed this Session with an interesting account of this very special W.M.S. work. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., was Guest Speaker in the evening and gave an inspiring Address on "The Challenge to the Church in Canada Today", in the light of world conditions. A fine Display of Posters, old pictures, and newspaper clippings, telling of events in the life of the W.M.S. Groups, from the early days to the present, aroused much interest and drew many members to the walls of the Sunday School Room of First Presbyterian Church where they were on view.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in *Owen Sound* Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. E. W. Krampp presiding. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., was Guest Speaker and spoke on "The World For Christ". The Presidents from 1887, were honoured at a Special Ceremony and presented with an Anniversaries Souvenir Spoon. The members from *Tara* conducted an "In Memoriam" Service. The Young Women's W.M.S. Group of *Paisley* presented the Skit, "India, Fifty Years Ago and Today". President, Mrs. Krampp, with Past Presidents, Mrs. J. B. Scott, of *Paisley,* and Mrs. Moore Gordon, of *Goderich,* assisted in the ceremony of cutting the 50th Anniversary Cake.

President, Mrs. M. D. McNabb presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Tolmie Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Port Elgin,* when Mrs. Hammond, of *Jamaica* was Guest Speaker, and illustrated her talk with interesting pictures of that land. The Devotional Period was given by Miss Margaret Graham and Mrs. Henry Lesperance, and Mrs. Keith Welch was Soloist. Guests were present from other *Port Elgin* Churches, and the Rev. M. D. McNabb pronounced the Benediction, after which a Social Hour was enjoyed.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., of Nigeria was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of *Chatham* Presbyterial, with President, Mrs. F. A. Creasey presiding. Mrs. Theodore Scholtz and Mrs. David McDowell took part in a "Radio Broadcast, Nigeria, Yesterday and Today". Mrs. Maynard Cline conducted an "In Memoriam" Service, and an Historical Sketch, "The Beginning of the W.M.S. in *Chatham*" was narrated by Mrs. Donald B. Mackay. Miss Florence Goertzen, Deaconess in East Toronto Presbytery, told of her work in Down Town Missions.

The Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* recently honoured Mrs. James Johnston, and Mrs. Martin L. Burns, with Honorary Memberships.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Laurel Mission Circle, St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* presented three Life Memberships —thus completing the entire membership of eighteen. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. George R. Kerr, a Charter Member of this Group.

The McLean W.M.S. Auxiliary of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* has suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. W. J. McLean, wife of their former Minister, the late Rev. W. J. McLean. A Past President of *Hamilton* Presbyterial, Mrs. McLean was a devoted and faithful member of the W.M.S. and her church, both in her own Church, and in other Organizations.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL—The Mary Moffat W.M.S. Group of Chalmers Extension, *Glen Cairn,* invited the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *London,* to a recent Meeting when Mrs. D. A. McLarty, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Walter Moffat, the first Minister of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *London,* was Guest Speaker, and told of the beginnings of that Church, and her memories of family life there.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Wm. Speir, of *Brussels,* presided at the Annual Meeting of Maitland Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham,* and Presbytery Greetings were brought by Rev. F. H. Cromey, of *Kincardine*. Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. J. Kniper, Mrs. A. Gaunt, and Mrs. D. Craig, of *Whitechurch;* and by Mrs. J. Little, Mrs. M. Henderson, and Mrs. S. Stewart of *Lucknow*. Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, was Guest Speaker, and also installed the 1964 Executive. Encouraging Secretarial Reports were received.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—President, Mrs. F. Spencer, presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Welland,* when Rev. Wilfred McLeod conducted Holy Communion, and an impressive "In Memoriam" Service was given by Mrs. J. R. Esler, of *Port Colborne,* with Soloist, Mrs. Douglas MacDonald of *Welland.* Mrs. L. E. Bartlett, *Port Colborne,* reported for the Anniversaries Committee. Evening Devotions were conducted by Mrs. H. A. MacPherson, and Mrs. J. Holland, of *Thorold.* Mrs. M. E. Tubb introduced the Guest Speaker, the Rev. R. M. Ransom, Th.B., Assistant Secretary for Overseas Missions, a former Minister in *Fort Erie,* who later served as a Missionary in *China.* He gave a challenging Address on "Our Fellowman Abroad, Particularly in India". Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, presided for the Election of Officers and these were installed by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Sass, of *Niagara-on-the-Lake,* who, as Moderator, also brought greetings from *Niagara* Presbytery.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Tea of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of Paterson Memorial Church, *Sarnia,* was well attended, and Home Helpers were special Assistants. Decorations were in blue and gold, and handsome quilts donated by members, were much admired.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — In Knox Presbyterian Church, *Stratford,* the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial took place, with President, Mrs. W. Carr, presiding, and Miss Flora Whiteford, *East Toronto* Presbytery Deaconess, the Guest Speaker. Working from Queen Street East Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* Miss Whiteford told of the Christian Education work she carries on in three Public Schools; described the conditions among many of the homes in that neighbourhood; and showed the film, "Cliff Dwellers", depicting the thousands who now live in apartment blocks in these rebuilt downtown areas. The Theme of the Meeting was "Thoughts for the New Year", and Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. Alex Meikle and Mrs. Hugh Patterson, of *Exeter*; Mrs. Reid Kennedy and Mrs. Walter Hamilton, of *Listowel.* Mrs. Don McLeod, of *Exeter* was Soloist. The Rev. Wm. Weir, Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, brought Presbytery greetings, and also installed the 1964 Officers. Mrs. Halley G. Nickel, of *Listowel*, succeeds Mrs. Wilfred Carr, as President.

When four members of the C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Listowel,* graduated during the regular Evening Church Service, Miss Clare Haines, Regional Secretary, gave the Address, and C.G.I.T. President, Carol Harrison led the Service. The Devotional Period was given by Donna Henderson and Lenore Hamilton. The Junior Choir, which includes eight C.G.I.T. members, sang. Ushers were Wendy Keeso; Cathy Nichol; Helma Mitchell; and Lyke Brandemark. Mrs. Derk Nind, Leader, introduced the Graduates—Jill Hastings; Judy McMillan; Lois Shearer; Elizabeth Thompson—and conducted the "Candle-Lighting Ceremony". The Rev. David Crawford pronounced the Benediction. At the Social Time, following the Service, Mr. Wm. Jack, Clerk of Session, presented each graduate with a White Bible from the Church Session.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Sault Ste. Marie,* with Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., of *Nigeria,* the Guest Speaker. This same day, Miss Gollan met, at a Luncheon Meeting in Westminster Presbyterian Church, with the Explorer and C.G.I.T. Groups of this Presbyterial. Miss Linda Christie is the new C.G.I.T. Leader of the Group in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Sault Ste. Marie.*

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL—When the Annual Meeting of *Toronto* and *Kingston* Synodical was held in *Orillia* Presbyterian Church, the Rev. E. Beggs M.A., and the Rev. R. M. Kerr, B.A., B.D., based their Addresses on the Theme, "With goodwill doing service as to the Lord, and not to men" (Ephesians 6-7). Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., on furlough from *Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker, and Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, spoke on "W.M.S. Work in the Inner City". The Election and Installation of the Executive was conducted by Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr. Mrs. F. Black is the new President.

When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Huntsville,* celebrated a 64th Anniversary, Mrs. Duncan Graham, of *Burk's Falls,* was Guest Speaker, and gave an interesting account of "The History of *North Bay* Presbyterial", which was organized in 1908, and of which *Huntsville* was originally a member. In 1945, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was transferred to *Barrie* Presbyterial. President Mrs. Hugh Jack, presided, and conducted the "Candle-Lighting Service".

Miss Dorothy Lukes was Guest Speaker at the Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Barrie,* with President, Mrs. E. McClung, *Elmvale,* presiding and the Theme "Look Up; Lift Up". The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. A.

E. Jenkins and Mrs. C. Cumming. The Organization of a new Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary in *Victoria Harbour* was reported. Mrs. D. McArthur of *Bond Head* presented the Financial Report, which showed increased givings, and a Committee was appointed to plan a W.M.S. Rally in *Collingwood*. Mrs. Ross Adams was named Convener.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—Many Anniversaries were celebrated throughout this Presbyterial during the year—the Agnes Johnston W.M.S. Auxiliary of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* both celebrated 30th Anniversaries; the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto*—a 39th Anniversary; the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Pickering,* celebrated an 80th Anniversary; the Doris Hampton W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Hill* Presbyterian Church, marked a 10th Anniversary, with all Past Presidents present.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Acton,* celebrated a 75th Anniversary, with six Past Presidents, former members, and wives of former Ministers attending, and Miss Isabel Anderson presenting the history of these Auxiliary years.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Guelph,* also marked a 75th Anniversary during the year, when Mrs. L. M. Sinclair gave the Auxiliary History.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Belleville* celebrated a 78th Anniversary, using the theme, "Looking Back", and presenting two historical Skits. The first Skit showed the Organization Meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society Auxiliary in 1885, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The setting was the Manse parlour, furnished in the period of 1885, with members wearing costumes of that time. Psalms were sung to the accompaniment of the first musical instrument used in this Church — an Harmonium. The second Skit was "Packing The Bale". Members of St. Columba Presbyterian Church, and of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, were guests, and each contributed a musical selection. Luncheon, and a special Anniversary Cake, concluded the celebration.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Christine Maxwell W.M.S. Auxiliary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *North Bay,* were honoured to have Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., of *Nigeria,* as the Guest Speaker at a recent meeting in the Church Hall. Visitors from *Burk's Falls* and *Magnetawan* were present, and the Devotional Period from "The Glad Tidings" was used. A representative was chosen to attend the Anniversaries Celebration in *Montreal.* Refreshments were served at the close of the Meeting, when Mrs. Earl Craig and Miss Laura Belle Smaill presided at the Tea-Table.

Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury,* held an Affiliation Service for the C.G.I.T. Group, conducted by the President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. G. Neilson, Secretary for Girls Organizations, of Knox Church, *Sudbury* officiated at the Act of Dedication, and the presentation of badges and membership cards. A film on "Life in Rural India" was shown, with Mrs. Derwyn Hill as Commentator.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—The Theme for the Rally of this Presbyterial, held in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, *Markdale,* was "More Than Conquerors". A "Flip-Chart" presented by Mrs. Lambert, which showed the outstanding milestones of the past century of W.M.S. work, was an interesting feature of the Programme. The Rev. Geoffrey Johnston, Guest Speaker, spoke of "Changing Missions in a Changing World". Mrs. R. D. Fraser, President, presided.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — Ninety-two members attended the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Mount Forest,* when the theme was "The Aim and Purpose of the W.M.S." Mrs. Douglas Dodge presented a Poster, explaining the meaning of the Theme, and Mrs. Hiram Cult completed the Poster as each Secretary presented her Report. Mrs. T. Smith, Glad Tidings Secretary, stressed ways and means of utilizing material from the Magazine at Auxiliary Meetings, and Mrs. G. Calder, Girls' Organization Secretary, expressed appreciation of the Teen Years Articles, which could be used in C.G.I.T. Programmes, Reports from all Departments showed real progress. A "Memorial Service" was conducted for departed members. President, Mrs. John Perkins, who presided at all Sessions, was re-elected to the Presidency, and Officers were installed by the Rev. F. A. Pickering.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. S. A. Milne was elected President at the Annual Meeting of West Toronto Presbyterial in York Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and the Guest Speaker was the Rev. W. H. Welch, Minister of St. Andrew's Humber Heights Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* who spoke on the Theme, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches". Miss Hazell Davis, Deaconess for Down Town Missions reviewed the Reports. An Honorary Membership was presented to Miss Mildred Gillies, the Evening Department Secretary, in tribute to her faithful service in the Presbyterial. During the Supper Hour, Greetings were extended by the Rev. J. K. Lattimore, Moderator of Toronto West

Presbytery; President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, from Council Executive; Mrs. F. Black, Vice-President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical; and Mrs. W. J. Head, President of East Toronto Presbyterial.

Three Special Projects were successfully carried-out by West Toronto Presbyterial during the year. Hundreds of colourful knitted shirts for needy babies have been sent to *Hong Kong, India, British Guiana,* and the Indian Reserves in *Manitoba.* A Special Collection of Five Hundred Dollars at Christmas was contributed to help with the work for Tibetan Orphans at *Jhansi, India.* An all-year-round Project involved a group of women from Presbyterian Churches of the area, who worked an average of 165 hours each month in the Canteen of the Ontario Hospital, Queen Street West, *Toronto.* This is considered an invaluable service, as it is the only contact which many of these mental patients have with the outside world.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Ronald Rowat was re-elected President at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Stanley Presbyterian Church, *Westmount.* Mrs. Angus MacKay, of the *Jhansi Field, India,* Guest Speaker at the evening Session, told of W.M.S. work and needs in that Field. Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, Synodical President, presented the history of Montreal Presbyterial, and stressed the W.M.S. Celebrations of the 100th Anniversary and the 50th Anniversary held in May in The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, *Montreal.*

On the Saturday evening previous to the Annual Meeting, "Youth Day" was held in Knox Crescent and Kensington Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* when 289 members of C.O.C.; Explorers; C.G.I.T.; with Leaders and visitors, met together for an interesting Programme.

In preparation for the Anniversaries' Celebrations, Montreal women were recently taken back to bygone days, when they were guests of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Tyndale House, *Montreal,* at an "Antique Tea". Loaned by members, neighbours, and friends, many types of Antiques were displayed, and greatly enjoyed by the interested visitors prior to "Tea and Old Time Goodies". Later, in the Chapel, clever Posters turned thoughts from "What The W.M.S. Is", to the meaningful Anniversaries. Slides depicted the life of 100 years ago, and a Skit told of the beginnings of Presbyterian Mission work in *Canada, Formosa, China, India,* and *British Guiana.* The evening closed with Worship Service. Mrs. E. Briard assisted in welcoming guests, and Miss E. Buchanan; Mrs. R. Wilkes; Mrs. H. Spence; Mrs. G. Job; and Miss

Catherine Watson were in charge of the Programme. Miss Emily Fraser and Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, officiated at the tea-table.

At a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of MacVicar Presbyterian Church, *Outremont,* Mrs. J. S. Crawford was presented with a Life Membership, and a "Moment of Silence" was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Julian Scott, and the late Mrs. William Hall. An "In Memoriam", in remembrance of their Mother was presented by Mrs. Hall's two daughters. President, Mrs. J. B. Inglis, presided.

This Presbyterial has experienced a great loss in the death of Mrs. W. E. Baker, as indeed have all who knew her, and especially those of our Overseas and National Missionaries, who were so often welcomed to the hospitality of her home, and her warm interest in their work. Mrs. Baker, always an ardent and active W.M.S. member, as far back as 1924 was a "Messenger Treasurer." Since then, in her home Church, Knox Crescent and Kensington, *Montreal,* she has twice been President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary; Vice-President, and Corresponding Secretary from 1937 to 1947. Previous to this, in 1945-46-47, Mrs. Baker was President of Quebec Provincial Board, and also Chairman of the Committee for *Montreal* area, when the Provincials were being organized into Synodicals. From 1951 to 1953, she was President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical. Later, she became President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, and at the time of her death was Honorary President of that Auxiliary. Her loyal dedication to her Church, her W.M.S.—and to her many friends—will long remain a fragrant memory, and an inspiration to all whose lives she touched.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — Delegates from all six Presbyterials, representing 6500 W.M.S. members in *Quebec* and *Eastern Ontario,* attended the Annual Meeting of *Montreal* and *Ottawa* Synodical in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa.* President, Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, presided at all Sessions. Following the Buffet Supper on the Opening Evening, the Rev. George H. Sparks, Minister of St. Stephen's Church, conducted the Service of Worship, and guests were welcomed by Mrs. J. A. Campbell, President of St. Stephen's W.M.S. Auxiliary, and Mrs. F. M. Mooney, President of *Ottawa* Presbyterial. Mrs. T. Harold Cummings conducted Roll Call, and Council Greetings were presented by President, Mrs. A. S. Curr. The Presidential Report was given by Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, and Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, presented an Assessment of the Year's work.

Due to the grounding of all planes because of fog, the Guest Speaker, Miss Giollo Kelly, Executive Director of National Missions was unable to be present, and Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, gave an Address on W.M.S. Work in Canada and Overseas.

Mrs. J. Parks, Historian, and Miss Doris Blaise, Anniversaries' Secretary, reported on their work, and both Departmental and Financial Reports were most encouraging; Mrs. John Jack, of *Arnprior,* conducted the In Remembrance Service, when tribute was paid to the late Miss Bessie MacMurchy, by Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, of *Cornwall,* and to the late Mrs. W. E. Baker, of *Westmount,* a Synodical Past President, by Mrs. Ronald Rowat, President of *Montreal* Presbyterial. A Round - Table Discussion, called "Presbyterials In Review", conducted by Mrs. Ronald Rowat, highlighted the Afternoon Session. Panelists were Mrs. J. O. Forrester; Mrs. F. M. Mooney; Mrs. J. McCleverty; Mrs. P. Boy and Mrs. J. Jack.

Both informative and interesting was the historical presentation, "They Answered The Call", given by Miss Doris Blaise, assisted by Presbyterial members. The history of the Synodicals was told in story form, and, dressed in period costumes, women of the various Presbyterials who had given outstanding service over the last hundred years, were portrayed, with factual commentary by Presbyterial members.

The Moderator of Synod conducted the closing Evening Worship Service. The Guest Speaker, Dr. John H. Johnston, of St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, who leaves soon for service in *Nigeria,* was introduced by Mrs. F. M. Mooney, and thanked by Mrs. Charles Falconer. Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, also spoke on "Thoughts On Missions", and installed the Officers for 1964-65, with Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, of *Montreal,* re-elected as President. Prayers, throughout the Sessions, were given by Mrs. J. McCleverty; Mrs. F. R. Duminy; Mrs. Laurison; Mrs. Allan S. Reid, and Mrs. J. O. Forrester. Mrs. H. E. Mouland, of *Milan, Quebec,* conducted a Service of Worship, and the Rev. George H. Sparks pronounced the Benediction. The 1965 Annual Meeting of this Synodical will be held in *Cornwall* next April.

An "In Memoriam" Certificate, in memory of the late Mrs. Farquhar Finlayson was presented by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* of which she was Past President. Mrs. Finlayson was an Honorary President of *Ottawa* Presbyterial, and an Honorary member of the W.M.S. Always an active worker, both in Auxiliary and Presbyterial, her rich contralto voice was always at the service of her Church and W.M.S. Auxiliary. She will be greatly missed in her Church and its Organizations, and in the Community. *Ottawa* Presbyterial, and the W.M.S. have lost a well-loved member, and the sympathy of all members goes out to her husband, whose loss is greatest of all.

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Whence comes the breeze, and soft midsummer air?
Whence comes the joy, in the cool waves caressing?
To child hearts they come, with God's love and blessing?
(L.M.C.)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATIONS

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

WHAT A deeply moving and unforgettable experience it all was — those three wonderful days of the Anniversaries' Celebrations, and the two days of the Annual Council Meeting following them, held in historical old Montreal, where the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church, had its first organized beginning away back in 1864, one hundred years ago! From big cities, little towns, and small villages, alike, and from many small isolated Groups, all the way from Quebec to distant British Columbia; from the Eastern Division of the Women's Missionary Society of the Maritimes; from the United States; even from faraway beautiful Bermuda; W.M.S. women, past and present members, converged from all points of the compass to meet together in the stately "Sanctuary Church" of St. Andrew and St. Paul, in downtown Montreal. They came, in Thanksgiving for the well-filled years of service which marked the W.M.S. pathway; to honour and remember those stalwart women of our Church who, in 1864, planted so truly and so well, the first small, vital seeds from which has grown the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), in its broad outreach of today; to rejoice in the warm fellowship of true Christian interest which has grown through the years; to renew the cherished friendships of those years, as, at the same time, they happily formed new ones, throughout the whole Society, with which to carry on into the years ahead.

How beautiful, too, it all was! Blue skies and golden sunshine; Spring flowers blooming everywhere; two great bushes of Flowering Almond flanking the broad stone steps leading up to the Church, a rosy vision of fragrant loveliness; and, inside the cathedral-like Sanctuary, with its high vaulted Gothic architecture, grey stone walls, and warm oak woodwork, the soft light filtering in muted beauty through the handsome stained glass

Memorial Windows on every side! This was indeed a welcoming Church, whose broad doors, both of the Church itself, and the commodious adjoining Kildonan Hall, were opened wide to all of the 1500 W.M.S. women, who came to share in this momentous Celebration of Two Anniversaries — the 100th, and the 50th. This warmth of welcome, however, had not just begun with the arrival of the visitors — it had been pouring forth, and making itself strongly felt, for many months before the actual dates of May 8 - 9 - 10 - 1964. During all that time, the busy Minister, the Rev. R. J. Berlis, C.D., B.D., D.D.; the Kirk Session; the Organist, Mr. Phillips Motley; the Montreal Anniversary Committee, convened by Mrs. Wallace R. Henry; the Women of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, convened by Mrs. E. S. Harding; and, last but not least, the Church Officer, Mr. F. D. G. Jackson — all of these worked and planned, steadfastly and patiently, with the W.M.S. Anniversaries Committee in Toronto, to work out, and bring to organized perfection, those manifold details of planning, adjusting, and reorganizing, which resulted in the smooth-running and beautiful consummation of all the many parts which melded together to create those never-to-be-forgotten three days of inspiration, remembrance, and challenge.

Although the present Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, was dedicated only in 1932, because it embodies the joining together in 1918 of two venerable Montreal Presbyterian Churches, its roots and traditions go back to 1813, when the St. Andrew's Church of Scotland congregation was formed, and to 1832, when St. Paul's Presbyterian Church began its work. Both Churches carried on separately, until, due to the expansion of Montreal, the two Churches amalgamated in 1918, in St. Paul's building, but under the Minister of St. Andrew's. In 1930, because of commercial development of the district, this Church had to be taken down, and the handsome Gothic Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul was erected on its present site. In every way, this *is* a beautiful Church; a meaningful Church; a worshipful Church — truly a holy and sanctified House of God, in which His Presence seems very near.

In one wall of the Chapel, opening off the main Sanctuary, is set a rough stone, which came from Iona Cathedral, the centre, in 563-597 A.D., of St. Colomba's mission to Scotland. As in many great Churches of the past centuries, many of the same interesting symbols, which have great depth of meaning, are to be found in this House of Worship also — carved into the woodwork; cut in the stone; sometimes in plaster modelling, or incorporated into the painted designs. It was most interesting, as one could, to look for these; to read the many Memorial Tablets which filled the walls of the Memorial Tower; and to appreciate more closely the meaning and loveliness of the widely different Memorial Windows — especially the still unfinished series of Clerestory Windows, the first of which, when finished in 1962, was unveiled by Queen Mother Elizabeth, who was in Canada for the 100th Anniversary of "her own Regiment", The Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canada. The West and East Windows of this Group portray "The Calling of St. Andrew", and "The Missionary Journey of St. Paul". The sixth window, "The Conversion of St. Paul" was unveiled on May 24th.

The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul is also a Regimental Church. On either side of the Chancel hang the Battle Colours of The Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment of Canada, of which Her Majesty, Queen Mother Elizabeth, is Colonel-in-Chief. The magnificent stained glass window, filling almost the whole high back wall of the Chancel — the first thing to which one lifts one's eyes on entering the long vista of the Sanctuary — is sacred to the memory of Lt. Col. Bartlett McLennan, D.S.O., and the officers and men of this famous Regiment who gave their lives in the war of 1914-1918. The richness and depth of colouring is really indescribable. Beautiful in the white robes of Transfiguration, and with a golden nimbus shining about Him, Christ is depicted as a young and glorious Master of Life, whose out-stretched arms are waiting to welcome and embrace all who will truly come to Him. His is the central figure, as it must be in the lives of all of us. The background is of Scottish heather, against which are shown the Crusader of the Middle Ages, clad in shining armour; a kilted Black Watch soldier, representing the Crusader of more modern times; David, the poet-warrior, as the brave young David of great and noble deeds; and St. Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland, a very real part of the history and tradition embodied in this window.

Into this dignified and inspirational atmosphere came thronging, W.M.S. women from all directions, eager to get settled into their rooms and start looking around, but registration did not start until 1 P.M. on Friday, in the newly-completed Presbyterian College, a little distance from the Church. There, the Synodical Displays were already in place, and there was ample opportunity to have a good look at them. As might be expected, the seven Displays showed a wide diversity of lay-out and interest, each one telling in various ways the history, work and development of the Synodical concerned, and everyone appreciated the thought and planning which had gone into them. Of particular attraction was the Children's Art Project, arranged by Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Children's Department Secretary on Council Executive, and Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work. Done by children of all ages and all types of Groups, the young artists worked entirely along their own ideas, and a splendidly interesting Art Gallery was the result. This drew crowds of visitors all during the Celebrations, and it was especially worth-while to find there such a good representation of work from the children of our own Tyndale House, in Montreal. Here, too, the Organization and Overseas Displays were placed; the National Display had a special room in Kildonan Hall; the Literature Display, which included all the Anniversaries Souvenirs, and the new History Book, was well located in the narthex of the Memorial Tower until late Saturday night, when it was removed to the platform of the Auditorium in Kildonan Hall, where the Council Meetings were to begin on Monday morning.

All Presentations and Meetings of the three-day Anniversaries Celebrations were held in the vast Sanctuary of the Church, which, on every occasion, was filled to the very last seat, including those in the Chapel, and Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr presided at each one. Immediately beneath the Chancel window, on the beautiful white stone Holy Table, with its carven Easter Cross entwined with roses (a symbol of new life and hope) facing the congregation, stood the gift-basket of eighty white Easter Lilies, brought as a special presentation from the Presbyterian Church in Bermuda, and personally chosen by Mrs. Harris, the delegate from Hamilton, Bermuda. These lovely flowers added their symbolic beauty to every Meeting, and were deeply appreciated by everyone. And who will ever forget the magnitude and volume of all those Presbyterian women's voices joining true and clear in the words of the Opening Psalm — no. 91 —

"Praise my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
Who like me His praise should sing?"

For fifteen minutes before each Opening Hour, Mr. Phillips Motley, B.A., Mus. Bac., F.C.C.O., the Organist and Choir Leader of the Church, presided in a soft and inspirational musical Meditation Period, which was a wonderful prelude to the Service following. At the Opening Meeting, on Friday evening May 8th, the Service of Worship was led by the Rev. R. J. Berlis, B.A., B.D., D.D., Minister of The Church of St. Andrew and St.

Paul, who, opening the Service with Prayer, read from the fifth Chapter of II Corinthians, and based his Devotional on Verse 18 — "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." Following Dr. Berlis' Service, the full Choir of the Church, fitting perfectly into the character and atmosphere of this Cathedral-like Sanctuary, in their unique and almost mediaeval-type gowns of maroon and white, with the full cuffed sleeves of maroon, ruffled neckline, and mortarboard caps, contributed a magnificently-sung Anthem.

The President introduced the Rev. Harry Lennox, B.A., D.D., Moderator of the 89th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Minister of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, who brought the Greetings of our Presbyterian Church to these W.M.S. Anniversaries' Celebrations, and emphasized that he spoke the mind of the whole Church, as he thanked the Heavenly Father for the work of the Missionary women, who seek to carry the Gospel to the far places of the earth, to serve faithfully as part of a great family, and as effective instruments of God's will. "We must co-operate fully with others", he said, "but always remember that there is an important place for our Reformed Tradition, and all that it entails. When the Spirit shall come, He will lead us into all truth, and He will *still* lead until, in His own time, the world *is* won for Christ."

The Rev. D. T. Evans, Chairman of the General Board of Missions, was next introduced by Mrs. Curr, and brought Greetings in three parts — the W.D., the E.D., and the General Board of Missions, where Policy is made, and the service of members of the W.M.S. is always appreciated and never overlooked. "We work together", he concluded, "to let the Gospel be known to all ends of the earth. May He, Who opens the doors, give to you, also, the wisdom and strength to go through them." Miss Ellen V. Haw, Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, read Greetings from Mayor Drapeau, of Montreal; the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada; the W.M.S. Women of the Presbyterian Church of Bermuda — now a part of the Presbytery of West Toronto; and from Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor. (All of the many Anniversaries' Greetings which came to our W.M.S. on this occasion, and were so greatly appreciated, are listed together in the Anniversaries' Corner of this issue.)

The Guest Speaker, the Rev. Kenneth G. McMillan, B.D., D.D., one of our own Presbyterian Ministers, who is now General Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, was introduced by President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, and

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PRAYER

by **MISS EMILY DRYSDALE**
Deaconess, Presbytery of Red Deer, Alberta.

O God, the Living God, Giver of all life, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father, we draw near to Thee, and we ask Thy Spirit to be with us now, as we pray.

We praise Thy name, most gracious God, for Thy glory fills the whole earth. Thou gavest the world, time, and all creatures, a beginning. All Thy work was good, and Thou blessed it and loved it, and, in Thy compassion, did save the world. We humbly beseech Thee to draw all mankind into Thy Kingdom, that they may call upon Thy Name alone, and realize that their true purpose and end in life is to worship and serve Thee forever.

"Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2-14). We offer Thee our thanksgiving for the birth of the Holy Child at Bethlehem. May we, with outstretched hands, receive the salvation which He brings. O, Thou, Who art great and holy, teach us to be humble, and to recognize our need of Thee. Help us to welcome Jesus in our hearts, and to make room for Him in our daily lives. O, God, the Holy Spirit, come and dwell among us. Inspire our hearts and minds with Thy truth. May Thy Word be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path.

O God, who did choose the Hebrew people as Thy agent in the world, and who recreated Thy people through the Church of Thy Son, we beseech Thee that we, His Church, may serve the world as He didst serve us — even in giving His life for us. Let the Church be the messenger, mouthpiece, and servant of Thy Gospel. To us, who are numbered of one body, give zeal, faithfulness, and obedience, that Thy purpose of salvation may be accomplished. May we be strengthened and inspired to fulfil this task for which we were called, and which is our first service to Thee, our one true Master.

We humbly ask Thy forgiveness for the many times we have failed to speak on Thy behalf, or have turned deaf ears to Thy guidance. Pardon us, we beseech Thee, and renew in us Thy love, which is our strength and shield. We praise Thee, that Thou art always unchangeable, and always concerned about Thy children everywhere.

We give Thee thanks for the Missionaries of Christ, Thy servants who go forth in Thy name, throughout all the world. We pray for all people who have newly learned to sing Thy praise, that Thy Word may inspire and uphold them. O Lord, hear our prayer for others who do not call upon Thy Name. May they, too, find a place in Thy kingdom, and hear the Good Shepherd's Voice. To Thee, the one true God, and Father of us all, be the glory and praise forevermore. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSING MESSAGE

(Mrs. A. S. Curr, of Downsview, Ontario, was re-elected, by the unanimous vote of the delegates attending the Forty-Ninth Annual Council Meeting, in Montreal, Quebec, to a fourth term as President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Bringing the final session of the 1964 *Council Meeting to a close, Mrs. Curr left with the members this challenging and forward-looking message, as the W.M.S. moves onward into its Second Century of Service—)*

MRS. A. S. CURR

THE WORLD FOR CHRIST

Thinking of this Theme, chosen for our 100th Anniversary Celebrations, there comes to my mind the words contained in a letter I received from Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, who was President for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) from 1939 to 1944. These words are found in John 14 — verse 18—"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Our Lord was preparing these men, who were so close to Him during His Ministry, for the time when He would no longer be with them.

These words of our Lord surely make it very clear to us that He wanted His followers to identify themselves with the world — that is, with people. We, of the W.M.S., as part of His Church are sent into the world by our Lord. If we are to be faithful to our God-given task, we must identify ourselves with the people to whom we are sent.

As we look at our work, we can see many changes that have taken place during the past hundred years. Today, we face "The Winds of Change" in every walk of life. This brings us to the challenge of a new age, that is still unknown.

Education Minister, William Davis, speaking at a Teachers' Convention several weeks ago, summed up the future of education in Ontario, in one challenging word — "Change"! Continuing his Address, he said "How can the School System change to fit students for a new age that is unknown?" Surely this applies to members of the W.M.S.! It applies to the whole

Church. How *can* we change, in order that we may fit our children and young people to this new age?

We also face the *"Winds of Opportunity"*. This brings to us a challenge to greater loyalty; which means a greater sense of devotion and faithfulness to our calling as W.M.S. members. There comes, too, the challenge of *"A Greater Sense of Obedience"*. As we continue to follow our Lord, He makes demands of us that are a distinct challenge to obedience.

These demands come to us through the world needs presented to us through our own Staff on our Fields, both at Home and Overseas. We face staggering opportunities, that may never come again in our generation. This means launching out into deeper waters. There can be no standing still. We either go forward, or we withdraw.

We will not keep faith with these women who planted the seed 100 years ago, if our Mission does not continually widen in scope. Someone, in speaking to a group of women, gave a picture of the changes women are facing today, and said, "God is beckoning each one of you to understand that more leisure, brought to you by scientific development, means more responsibility."

In the March issue of the Presbyterian Record, the Editor, the Rev. DeCourcey Rayner, reports an incident in the life of Judge Helen Kinnear, when, speaking to a Reporter, she said — "The time has passed when it is necessary, or wise, to talk about 'women's rights'. There is no position in public life to which modern women may not aspire, in Canada. They don't waste time worrying about their status, because they have shown that they can meet the challenge."

Can *we* meet the challenge, as we seek to carry out our Theme—*"The World For Christ?"*

Many of our people live on tradition. We *have* a tradition of a great and goodly heritage, but as someone has said, "Tradition hinders progress." We must be willing to move forward, with hands reaching out to share, as we seek to help others. I would like to leave you with a Prayer, of the late Peter Marshall's, on sharing:

> "Thou hast said, Father, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Give us grace, day by day, to think, not of what we can get, but of what we can give. What a new spirit may come into our work with a new vision, and a new purpose that Thou wilt delight to bless! Make our people, everywhere in our land, willing to share the good things they enjoy, lest, in our selfishness, our food should choke us, and in our indifference, our blessings turn to ashes. Help us to give according to our incomes, lest Thou, O God, make our incomes according to our gifts." (Peter Marshall)

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE!

Mollie Harback . . . Maisie McChasney . . . Jean McLagan

Some months ago we promised that we would let the Society know if the Anniversary Celebrations fulfilled our expectations, as expressed in the Anniversary Issue of The Glad Tidings. Briefly, we can say "YES!"

The history of our Society was reviewed, greetings received, gifts presented, and homage paid to the Centenarian, even as is done on the occasion of the 100th birthday of any great lady. But there we think the similarity between the 100th birthday party of a citizen, and the 100th birthday of our Society, ends, for the individual celebrates such an event realizing that the completion of her life span is near, but our Society, we rejoice to say, has no such terminal thoughts.

We are glad that the speakers politely — but nevertheless definitely — made it clear that our Society cannot now relax, dreaming of the past, and cherishing the mementos of this happy time. She is one hundred years old, but *only* one hundred years old. She must live and grow in service and witness for many years to come.

At the outset, let us declare that we did not expect this occasion to disprove the belief of some people that the W.M.S. is made up of slow, doddering women. The tight schedule necessitated that we make the distance between the Church and the Mount Royal Hotel with record speed, several times each day. This "dash for one's dinner" could have been known as the "Women's Mile Supreme" and all finished the race!

It was, of course, expected that the "family" in Montreal, and in Toronto, would have done much planning and work to prepare for this event — we can only thank them for all they did. We Albertans are staggered with the thought of just how much real work and thought must have been put into the preparations, for it was clearly evident throughout the programme.

We hope that, somewhere in the archives, there will be recorded the fact that the "house" was just barely large enough. We didn't expect to ever have to rush to get a seat at a W.M.S. meeting, and to have this the pattern for every session was unbelievable, but extremely satisfying. We understand there was seating for twelve hundred—(what a mighty "see" of hats!) For the most part we were a happy company, but at times — to our surprise, often at the wrong times — a noisy one.

We anticipated, though we had not expressed the thought, that many of us would have sad and lonely moments at this party. For we have known a marvellous company who have gone on before, and they, the beloved, were close in memory during these days.

Every part of the Programme gave us, as we knew it would, food for thought and inspiration. We are thankful that God has raised up among us women of talent and charm, to lead the Society in the many aspects of its Programme. We came to this Anniversary Celebration happily and proudly; we return, our hearts overflowing with joy, the joy of once again having been together with dear friends; of knowing that a worthwhile work has been done, but realizing that much remains to challenge our talents and our resources. And so, we go back to our homes and our groups, assured that we, putting our hands into the hands of you, our sisters, can together, with His help and blessing, serve our Society and our Master with renewed vigor because it has been our great privilege to participate with you in these Anniversary Celebrations.

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A COOPERATIVE SUMMER COURSE
JUNE 13-27, 1964

THIS SUMMER of 1964 offers a new opportunity to women graduates of four Training Colleges — Anglican Women's Training College; Covenant College (United Church); Ewart College (Presbyterian); Women's Leadership Training College (Baptist). This first "Co-operative Summer Course," planned by a Committee from the four Colleges and their Alumnae, is an interesting experiment, bringing together the graduates of Colleges of four Denominations to share in the Courses given; in living and worshipping together; in sharing the knowledge they have gained out of their own experience, and in taking advantage of recreation planned for them.

Outstanding leadership has been secured for the study and discussion periods, to be held in Ewart College classrooms, on such subjects as — "The Church and Rapid Social Change" — The Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa, Executive Secretary, Division of Domestic Mission of the Episcopal Church, U. S. A., who for six years was Associate Secretary of the Department of Church and Society of the World Council of Churches; "The Churchworker and Counselling" — W. E. Boothroyd, B.A., M.D., C.M., Head of the Division of Psychiatry at Sunnybrook Hospital and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto; "Recent Trends in Christian Education" — Iris Cully, B.D., Ph.D., Author of several books on Christian Education; Bible Study, Sara Little, B.A., M.R.E., Ph.D., Professor of Christian Education, Director of Field Education, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia.

GREETINGS!

MISS ELLEN V. HAW

Chairman, Anniversaries' Committee

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D. received many messages on the occasion of its 100th birthday. Expressions of Christian love from friends in God's fellowship, near and far away, were given in many forms. These were read to those gathered at Montreal, and are recorded briefly here so that all may share.

Greetings were received from —

—The women of St. Andrew's Church, Bermuda (now in West Toronto Presbyterial), in the form of beautiful lilies, which were on the communion table in the chancel of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul during the Anniversary meetings.

—Representatives of the Boards of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who spoke briefly to the gathering. Tributes were made to the role of the Society in the past, and hopes were expressed that the future would be inspired by the inheritance of the past. Women's participation in the total mission of the church was described as a fulfilment of prophecy.

—Special Representatives who were able to attend the meetings—

—Mrs. Tsai Kuo Chih-Lui, Department of Women's Work, General Assembly, Presbyterian Church of Formosa, who addressed the meeting with a moving message of greeting and presented gifts of Formosan handwork.

—Mrs. D. R. MacLean, president of the sister organization, the Woman's Missionary Society (E.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

—Mrs. H. Howard Black, Secretary, North American Area, Department of Women's Work, World Presbyterian Alliance, who highlighted other links in the chain of God's fellowship around the world.

Individuals and Groups across the country — in letters and telegrams—

—Mrs. Margaret Murray of Pebble Beach, Powell River, B.C.

—Miss Isabel McConnell, who was in Belfast at the time of the meetings and cabled, in part, — "attempt great things for God — expect great things from God."

—Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon (nee Margaret McKenzie) of Port Arthur, Ontario.

—The Presbyterial of Prince Edward Island.

—Jean Templeton Bennett and Gertrude Templeton of Toronto.

—Miss Beatrice Barclay of Toronto.

—Mrs. H. W. Grove, Chinook Valley, Alberta — First Vice-President of Alberta Synodical.
—Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Johnson who were in Berkeley, California, and who said in part — "we pray that He may guard and strengthen you to ever richer service in the changing tasks of this new age."
—The Business Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, Dr. D. F. Howell, President.
—and from Mrs. T. Wardlaw Taylor, whose touching letter meant so much to those assembled, and which read in part — "And now comes our mandate for the second century — may God help us, each one, to accept it, and be found faithful."

Various organizations sent messages of congratulation, goodwill, and blessings for greater future service—
—Ewart College Board, Miss Agnes Roy, Chairman.
—Women's Inter-Church Council, Mrs. Ruth Soward, President.
—The City of Montreal, M. Jean Drapeau, Mayor.
—Ewart College Alumnae.
—Provincial Committee, Canadian Girls in Training, Quebec Council of Christian Education.

Sister Churches and Women's Groups around the world sent many messages wishing God's blessing—
—The Women's Foreign Mission, Church of Scotland.
—The Presbyterian Church in Nigeria.
—The Korean Christian Church in Japan, General Assembly, Women's Evangelical Association Missionary Committee.
—Korean Christian Women's Missions in Kansai area, Japan.
—The Canadian Mission Council in British Guiana.
—The Canadian Mission Committee, Presbyterian Church in Formosa.
—The Chung Shan Presbyterian Church, Taipei, Formosa — Matthew Kay, Minister.
—Department of Women's Work of the General Assembly, The Presbyterian Church of Formosa, through the Rev. Miss Minnie Lee, Chairman of the Department of Women's Work, who said, in part, — "Although we are separated by many thousands of miles over land and sea, we are united in our concern to bring men and women into the Fellowship of the Church of Jesus Christ. May God richly bless you all, as you work together for those in the Homeland and for those Across the Seas — is my personal Prayer, and the Prayer of my sisters in Formosa. I close these brief remarks with the words of Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, "May Mercy, Peace, and Love be multiplied to you." (Jude 1:2)
—Staff and Students of Isabel McConnell School of Nursing, Jobat, India.
—The Bhil Field Mission Council.

—The Women's Fellowship of the Vindhya and Satpura Presbytery of the United Church of Northern India, signed by all of the sisters in Christ in this group, a loving message which ended with these words — "Our prayer is that God may richly bless you as you meet; may He protect you and shine the light of His countenance upon you so that His grace may ever be with you."

The Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal presented a banner with the Chinese symbols which say — "Love knows no barrier."

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THE ANNIVERSARIES' PACKET !

An Anniversaries' Packet is being prepared, to be available as soon as possible. This will contain Miss Kennedy's three Theme Addresses; Miss Reith's three Services of Worship; the Rev. Dr. McMillan's Address—"Our Inheritance—Inspiration for Tomorrow"; the Script of the Dramatic Presentation, "In Christ's World" and the Panel, "Christ Confronts The World Today", which includes the Closing Service of Worship. A nominal charge will be made, to cover the cost of production and postage. Watch for further Announcement.

A DIANE PETRIE REG N

EILEEN S McVITTIE

FRANCES J McLAREN REG N

Ewart College
1964
Graduating Class

MISS ADA ADAMS, B.SC

DEAN

MISS MARGARET WEBSTER, BA, BED

PRINCIPAL

INTRODUCING
1964 EWART COLLEGE GRADUATES

Diploma Course

EILEEN MCVITTIE:

Home — Toronto, Ontario

Home Church — Glebe Presbyterian, Toronto, Ontario

Previous Experience — Office secretary with Nuodex Products of Canada, Limited

Plans for 1964-65 — Director of Christian Education in Don Mills Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario

Special Course for Nurses

DIANE PETRIE:

Home — Ottawa, Ontario

Home Church — St. Martin's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Ontario

Previous Experience — Registered Nurse with experience in the Victorian Order of Nurses

Plans for 1964-65 — To complete studies in nursing education for the degree B.Sc. in Nursing in preparation for undertaking work overseas

FRANCES MCLAREN:

Home — Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Home Church — St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Previous experience — Registered nurse with experience in public health nursing in Saskatchewan

Plans for 1964-65 — To go overseas to Nigeria with her husband Don, an agriculturalist

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EWART COLLEGE GRADUATION — 1964

The Graduation Service of Ewart College took place in Knox College Chapel on Thursday, April 23. The Reverend R. L. Taylor, B.A., D.D., minister of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, and a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, conducted the Worship. The Ewart College Choir, under the direction of Mr. Henry Rosevear, F.C.C.O., F.T.C.L. sang the anthems "Blessing, Glory, Wisdom and Thanks" (J. S. Bach) and "O, Praise God in His Holiness" (C. Armstrong Gibbs).

Three young women graduated from Ewart College this year — Eileen McVittie, a graduate of the three-year diploma course; Frances

McLaren; and Diane Petrie, graduates of the special one-year course for nurses. Eileen McVittie will now serve as the Christian Education Director at Don Mills Presbyterian Church, Toronto; Frances McLaren will go to Nigeria, with her husband who is under appointment as an agriculturalist; and Diane Petrie will continue her studies in nursing in Ottawa.

The Reverend J. S. Clarke, M.A., D.D., General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was the Speaker. Dr. Clarke gave a challenging address on the use by the Church of various gifts bestowed on individual Church members.

Miss Agnes Roy, Chairman of the Board of Ewart College, presided at the Graduation Service. Miss Roy expressed her appreciation of the work accomplished by Mrs. K. Denton Taylor, the former Chairman of the Board.

Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., the Principal of Ewart College, gave a brief review of the year's work. Twenty-four girls were enrolled in Ewart College during the 1963-1964 session; the other rooms in the residence were completely filled with students enrolled in various faculties at the University.

Miss Webster also presented Gold Pins of the Order of Deaconesses to Miss Pauline Esler, and Miss Marjorie MacKay. Miss Pauline Esler is the Deaconess of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and Miss Marjorie MacKay is the deaconess of Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph. The presentation of the Gold Pins marks the completion of twenty-five years of service to the Church, in the Deaconess Order.

Graduation diplomas, certificates, scholarships, and awards, were presented by Miss Webster and Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc., Dean of Ewart College. The following list shows the awards given.

Graduation Diploma

Eileen McVittie, Toronto, Ontario

Special Course Certificate

Frances McLaren, Reg.N., Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Diane Petrie, Reg.N., Ottawa, Ontario

General Proficiency Scholarships

First Year—

1. Jean Gardner, Hamilton, Ontario
2. Jean Smith, Wyoming, Ontario; Lorraine Uberig, Hamilton, Ontario

Second Year—

1. Judith Craig, Hamilton, Ontario
2. Joanne VanBrummelen, Calgary, Alberta

Third Year—

Eileen McVittie, Toronto, Ontario

Other Scholarships

Alumnae Scholarship—Ann Drummond, Burwash, Ontario

Muriel Jennings Gray Scholarship —Eileen McVittie, Toronto, Ontario

Ada Major Scholarship — Lois Cooke, Toronto, Ontario

Jennie and Bell Hossack Memorial Scholarship — Birdie McLean, Carragana, Saskatchewan
Jean Smith, Wyoming, Ontario
Lorraine Uberig, Hamilton, Ontario
The Jane Beatrice Gray Scholarship —Eileen McVittie, Toronto, Ontario
The Isabel Glenn Scholarship — Frances McLaren
The Elizabeth Scott McKay Memorial Scholarship—Eileen McVittie

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Your Prayers are asked

—For our National Missionaries, praying that they may go forward with renewed enthusiasm, as they endeavour to interpret the "Mandate for the Future," in the Missionary task of our Society, so vividly portrayed at every Session of the Anniversaries' Celebration in Montreal.

—That the power of the Holy Spirit will strengthen them in their witness. May their message result in receptive hearts, ready to accept the challenge.

—For all on Summer Vacation that in these days, as we are refreshed in body, mind, and spirit, we may come closer to God, and have greater concern for His world.

—For all campers and leaders, that in God's out-of-doors He may speak to each, and each may come to know Him better as Lord and Saviour.

—For the work of our Church and our Society Overseas that we may have a renewed vision of that which God is calling us to do in to-day's world.

—For the missionaries of our Society and our Church who are ministering in Overseas fields. Pray that they may have health of body, so that, guided by the Spirit, they may fulfil God's purpose for the Church overseas.

THOSE ANNIVERSARIES SOUVENIRS !

Completely Sold Out:—

The Silver Anniversary Spoons	3,000
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Services of Worship

AT THE ANNIVERSARIES' CELEBRATIONS IN MONTREAL

LED BY LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

Executive Director of Organization

Service of Worship I — The Invitation

Call to Worship—

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker: For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Let us worship God — by singing to His praise, as a prayer, Hymn 204, verses 1, 2, and 3, "O my Saviour lifted — from the earth for me . . . "

Prayer—Almighty and eternal God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that, although Thou art King of kings and Lord of lords, we may come to Thee as children to a loving Father.

As we, Thy children, gather here from across this land of Canada and from all parts of Thy world, we would give thanks to Thee for all those who under Thy guidance have brought us to this hour.

We thank Thee for all those women who, in every land, have heard Thy invitation and accepted it. For those women who a century ago heard the call of need and, putting their hands in Thine, responded and set out to meet it.

We thank Thee for the faith and steadfastness which enabled them to carry on, in spite of difficulties and discouragement.

We thank Thee for those who left loved ones, and went to lonely and distant place in this land and beyond the seas, to tell the message of Thy love. Most of all we thank Thee for all those whose names we do not know, who quietly and humbly in congregations — large and small — across this land — studied and prayed, and gave, that Thy invitation might be carried around the world.

We pray for Thy world this day. For all in positions of power in every land, that they may be used of Thee for the advancement of Thy Kingdom.

Bless all who are gathered here — and all whom they represent. Guide us through these days that all things may be in accordance with Thy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Indian Young People's Choir—"Saviour, like a Shepherd, lead us."

Scripture Readings and Meditation—

Matt. 4: 18-20

"And He said unto them 'Follow me' — and they **'straightway' left** their nets and **followed him."**

Note the response of Peter and Andrew to the invitation of Jesus.
Matt. 4. 21-22

Likewise — James and John (2 brothers) in a ship with their father. "And they **immediately** left the ship and their father and **followed** him."

In contrast:—

Luke 14: 15-24

In previous verses, Jesus had suggested that those making dinners invite **not** those who are likely to return hospitality, but those most in need of kindliness. Jesus — indicated — response to the invitation of "A certain man who made a supper" — the excuses offered — and the consequences.

John 12: 25-32

—"I, if I be lifted up
if I be—"crucified"
—if those who believe, who follow, lift me up—if they pass on my invitation I will work through them. I will draw all men unto me."

Hymn 553—"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult".

Prayer—

Hearing Thy call.
—Thy invitation
May we come, O Jesus,
Dare we turn away?
No—Thy love **must** conquer
We must come today.

Trusting in Thy power — let us hear Thy message to us. Open our ears to hear; our hearts to receive it — our minds to understand. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

JANUARY-APRIL 1964

	Total Adult Membership (1963)	1963	1964
British Columbia	1,302	$ 504.75	$ 270.00
Alberta	1,304	1,092.08	1,016.65
Saskatchewan	955	741.03	1,677.63
Manitoba	1,258	776.00	1,330.21
Hamilton & London	9,095	10,655.25	23,215.02
Toronto & Kingston	10,907	7,910.00	12,297.97
Montreal & Ottawa	4,559	10,736.00	11,912.57
	29,380	$32,415.11	$51,720.05

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. J. H. Eaton (Jessie Mildred)	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. Isaac Hall	Knox, Alliston	Barrie
Mrs. Jennie Charles	Presbyterian, Melita	Brandon
Mrs. John Angus (Merle) MacMillan	Glenview, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. Charlotte Fraser	Knox, West Puslinch	Guelph
Mrs. Catherine McAllister	Knox, West Puslinch	Guelph
Mrs. Isabel Duff MacDonald	MacNab, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. Wm. Sangster	Carmel, Hensall	Huron
Mrs. George Alvey	St. Peter's, Madoc	Kingston
Mrs. Alice Oliver	St. John's, Rodney	London
Miss Grace Graham	St. John's, Rodney	London
Mrs. Mary Underdown	Knox, Gamebridge	Lindsay
Mrs. Joseph Hagarty	St. John's, Medicine Hat	McLeod
Mrs. H. F. Borrowman	St. Andrew's, Welland	Niagara
Mrs. James Edgar	Knox, Dunnville	Niagara
Mrs. Wm. Wilkes	First, Port Colborne	Niagara
Mrs. Ernest Erwin	First, St. David's	Niagara
Mrs. Arthur Willick	Presbyterian, Chippawa	Niagara
Mrs. Fred Clarke	Knox, Ventry	Orangeville
Mrs. George Glendenning	Knox, Grand Valley	Orangeville
Mrs. Wm. H. Rutherford	Presbyterian, Paris	Paris
Miss A. B. Flanagan	Presbyterian, Paris	Paris
Mrs. Fred Gallie	St. James, Forest	Sarnia
Mrs. J. McCahill	St. James, Forest	Sarnia
Mrs. John McCallum	Cameron, Euphemia	Sarnia
Mrs. William McMichael	Presbyterian, Norval	West Toronto
Mrs. W. G. Lewis	Royce Avenue, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. Mary Pauld	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. Kate Smith	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Miss Irene Hain	Victoria, Toronto	West Toronto
Miss Lillian Jarvis	Victoria, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. George (Hester) Turnbull	St. Giles, Kingsway	West Toronto

THE MISSION OVERSEAS

by MARY E. WHALE, B.A.
Executive Director of Overseas Missions

Under the general theme, "The World for Christ," the Overseas Department of the Society sought to portray the call of God to Christian peoples, to proclaim His Gospel in the lands of Asia, Africa, and South America, in its presentation in the Anniversary Celebration Programme.

For more than ninety years, single women Missionaries have been sent abroad by the Women's Missionary Societies of our Church. These women have ministered chiefly to women and children, helping them to understand that God has a purpose for each to fulfil. Now, it is realized that the Church, which has developed in the Overseas lands, is called to be a witness to Christ's love and power in days of change, and in an era when the peoples of the world are seeking a knowledge of God. In finding Him, they are being freed by Him for His purposes. These are days when countries are in revolution against old patterns, and are seeking a way of life that is good. In this process there is great temptation to place material things first. The Church is called to witness to nations in revolution; to proclaim the Christian Gospel to people in every walk of life. As it develops Overseas, its teaching must reach and meet the spiritual needs of the nations. The Church must be conscious of the social and economic problems today, and be prepared to interpret Christ's teachings to meet them. The Church is called to make the Christian Gospel the foundation for developing countries.

By means of narration and choral speaking, these several aspects of the Church's task today were set forth. The story of Christ, working in the lives of a young Indian man and four Indian women, portrayed the seeking of mankind, and the result in lives that find God in Christ. British Guiana represented a country in revolution. The problems of a nation seeking economic, social, and political, change were mentioned. The Church there is seeking to give leadership through lay training, and through training the young people in Sunday Schools. Nations, in such internal confusion as British Guiana, need, above all, the knowledge of God's love for His people.

The Church, as it is developing and reaching into every aspect of the life of the nation, was portrayed with reference to the Presbyterian Church in Formosa. The miracle of Christ reaching the mountain people of

Formosa through the ministry of Chi-Oang, and the rapid growth of the Church, both in the mountains and on the plains, has meant that provision must be made for nurture of the Christians. Training in secular education, in theological education, in Christian education, are emphases in the Formosan Church.

The Korean Christian Church in Japan is an example of Christ's love giving hope to a subject people, people caught in circumstances which they cannot control, with little hope of political, economic, or social security. Only in Christ is there hope. The Church in Japan seeks to minister to the Koreans, helping them live their lives in an alien environment.

Nigeria, newly independent, represents countries developing their own Government. The Church, there, is called to help establish firm foundations in education, in social, and political thinking. Canadian Missionaries have been given the task of working principally with young people. As the Nigerians face the changes which industrial and political development bring, the Gospel of Christ is the most important guide in all walks of life.

The Overseas Presentation was directed by Miss Isobel Taylor, A.T.C.M., Missionary to Formosa. The Narrator was Rev. R. M. Ranson, Th.B., Assistant Secretary for Overseas Missions, of the General Board of Missions. The Chorus was made up of members of the Overseas Staff, and several other people who kindly gave assistance. The India staff were: Miss Agnes Hislop, who represented an evangelist; with her, as an Indian boy and his mother, were Peter MacHardy and Marina Hamilton of Montreal, and Tyndale House congregation. Miss Hislop is an evangelist in the Bhil Field. Miss Pauline Brown, R.N., of the Mobile Medical Unit staff, Bhil Field, represented the orphan girl who became a Christian nurse. Miss Audrey Prendergast, R.N., recently from Jobat hospital, represented the Muslim student who became a Christian. Miss Edith Magee, B.A., from the Helen MacDonald Higher Secondary School, Jhansi, and Mrs. L. W. Gehman, R.N., M.A., from the School of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Vellore, South India, complemented the India staff. Miss Margaret Ramsay, evangelistic Missionary from British Guiana, and Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Director of Overseas Missions, represented British Guiana. Miss Ramsay impersonated a young Guianese woman, preparing for full-time service in the Guianese Church. Miss Isobel Taylor, whose evangelistic and educational work in Formosa has centred largely in music; Mrs. Tsai Kuo Chih-Lui, Secretary, Women's Association, Presbyterian Church of Formosa, and Miss Pauline Kujanik, Secretarial Assistant, Overseas Department, represented Formosa. Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department of the Organization Committee, represented the Korean Church in Japan, speaking particularly the thoughts of a young Korean woman. Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T., and Mrs. J.

Collins of Sarnia, represented Nigeria. Miss Bulmer indicated evangelistic work through music. Miss Gollan was representing a member of the Christian Girls' Clubs of the Nigerian Presbyterian Church. The presentation was interspersed with music recorded in India, Formosa, and Nigeria.

Just prior to the Overseas Presentation, Miss Whale introduced Mrs. Tsai, Secretary of the Woman's Association, of the Formosan Church, to the assembly. Mrs. Tsai brought the greetings of the Formosan women, and presented to Mrs. Curr, for the Society, a tapestry, on which was depicted the five wise and the five foolish virgins. This, with two half-century calendars, and several wall plaques, were the gifts of Formosan women.

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"The Land Thou Gavest Our Fathers"

(Dominion Day — 1964)

Lord, while for all mankind we pray
  Of every clime and coast,
O hear us for our native land
  The land we love the most!
Unite us in the sacred love
  Of knowledge, truth, and Thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout
  The songs of liberty.
Lord of the nations, thus to Thee
  Our country we commend;
Be Thou her refuge and her trust,
  Her everlasting Friend.
  (John Reynell Wereford—1882)

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Note:

Members of the Women's Missionary will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. R. G. Morrison, mother of Miss Doreen Morrison, a Missionary on our Bhil Field, in India. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison had worked for a time in Indian work in Western Canada, and in Ontario. Mrs. Morrison died in Hamilton on May 27th. Our sympathy goes to the members of her family.

THE BESSIE MacMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

As of June 2nd, 1964 contributions toward the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund totalled $7,374.57.

Further contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800; 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

"MISSION TO CANADA"

by MISS GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A.

FORTY-SIX MEMBERS of our "Mission Team" were in attendance at the Anniversaries' Celebrations in Montreal, as the National and Organization Departments joined forces to present a picture of our "Mission to Canada," pointing up the various phases of the work and introducing those engaged in each area of it. So that all of our readers may share this part of the Anniversaries' Celebrations, we are outlining the programme for you: —

A goodly Heritage

"He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." These words of the Psalmist expressed the heartfelt prayer and the earnest desire of those who gave our Nation its goodly heritage. They knew the truth of the statement — "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord." They knew that their Master's life had been a life of service and concern for others — by healing, teaching and preaching — they followed His example, and as a result established medical, educational, and evengelical, missions throughout our land, as its people worked their way westward and built a new nation. Wherever a need was presented, their witness to the saving knowledge of God in Jesus Christ followed with their prayer — "Lord of the lands, make Canada Thine own."

There have been many changes in the intervening years — changes which have rendered unnecessary former service, and which have brought forth new needs — needs which the Society has endeavoured to meet to the best of its ability, working in close co-operation with the Home Missions Department of our General Board of Missions.

Indian Canadian

Presenting an outline of our Mission to Canada, it is fitting that we should begin with the Indian Canadian, for it was among Canada's first inhabitants that some of our earliest mission work was carried on. One hundred years ago, our Church appointed the Rev. James Nesbit as a foreign missionary to take the Gospel to the Cree Indians of the West. Fifty years ago, when our Society took the present form, it was operating eight boarding schools and six day schools in which some five hundred Indian children were being educated. Evangelistic work also was being done on the reserves. Today, we have the opportunity and privilege of administering the two Government-owned Residential Schools which remained with us after 1925 — at Birtle, Manitoba, and the Cecilia Jeffrey School at Kenora, Ontario. In these two Schools, over two hundred and sixty children and young people of Indian origin are being educated, in order that they may take their place within our modern-day society. Our Residential Schools are quickly becoming hostels as the Indian Canadian students take their place in the classrooms of the Public Schools. Here, side by side with the non-Indian students, they are showing leadership ability in their school grades, as well as in music, art and sports. Our Society's share in the ministry among the women and children living on the reserves, is confined largely at the moment, due to staff shortages, to the work done by students during the summer.

Chinese

When the first woman missionary was appointed to minister to the spiritual needs of the Chinese women and children, there was only one Chinese woman to every forty Chinese men in Canada. Access to the women was difficult, for the men were suspicious of the Church workers, and refused to allow their wives and daughters to be visited. Gradually, however, the work grew, reaching out with the Gospel to the women and children. With the change in our Immigration laws in 1947, granting Canadian citizenship to the Chinese for the first time, and the subsequent large scale immigration of Chinese people, the ratio between Chinese men and women in Canada became much more proportionate. Thousands of new homes were established, and today there are large numbers of children in these young families.

Only one in ten of the newcomers was Christian, therefore we have found a new Mission Field on our doorstep. Our staff have faced in recent years, and still face, a real challenge as they teach the little ones in our Kindergartens, as they work with the young people and as they visit in the homes, ever seeking to present the claims of Christ to those who know Him not, and to encourage believers in their Christian Life.

Presbytery Deaconesses

In the early days, deaconesses were appointed by the Society at the request of Presbyteries, to take charge of Mission Sunday Schools in growing western cities, or in mining or rural areas. Where there were no Ministers, they were called upon to conduct church services. Later the appointment of deaconesses-at-large was made in rural Presbyteries. In the post-war extension programme of the Church into suburbia, the groundwork of many of our new congregations was well and firmly laid by our

Deaconesses. Today, several of our staff members serve as Presbytery Deaconesses, performing a wide variety of tasks: — Leadership and leadership training for camps, and for Church School and mid-week group leaders — hospital visitation — assisting in areas where new work is being started — working with students — occasionally conducting Services of Worship where there is a shortage of Ministers.

Organization Department

Sharing in "Mission to Canada", and closely related to the National Department, is another department of the Society — the Organization Department. It is part of the Society's mission to help people to understand the Christian faith better and, understanding, be more concerned to share the knowledge of Christ with the whole world. One way of doing this is through the channel of local groups for children, teenage girls, and women. It is important that these groups offer their members the opportunity of learning about their fellow Christians in other lands, and how they can work with them.

The part taken by the Organization Department in "Mission to Canada" was outlined briefly by Miss Louise A. Reith, Director of Organization for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and by Dr. J. S. Clarke, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

It was noted that, early in the history of the Society, it was realized that Christian Education and Missionary Education could not be separated. Co-operation began in the field of teenage work, when in 1915 the C.G.I.T. programme was approved by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies as a programme for teenage girls; these groups were recognized as affiliated groups by the Women's Missionary Society, which was asked to take responsibility for the Mission Study for these groups. Step by step, further co-operation developed — in 1925 a Secretary for Girls' Work was appointed jointly by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, and the Women's Missionary Society. Today, this co-operation continues through the National Secretary for Children's Work, and the National Secretary for Teenage Work, who represent both the Board of Christian Education and the Women's Missionary Society, serving The Presbyterian Church in Canada as they work with committees, whose members are representative of both boards, in Girls' groups, and in the interpretation and use of Church School curriculum. These National Secretaries also serve as they give guidance and help in the area of leadership education, and represent the Presbyterian Church on Interdenominational Boards and Committees.

A more recent evidence of co-operation is evident in the fact that

Regional Secretaries appointed by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) represent the Board of Christian Education and the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) in the various Synods of the Church. From the early days of the Society, Travelling Secretaries went across the Church, to organize groups and assist leaders and officers of existing groups. Today, the Society endeavours to place a Regional Secretary in each Synod, with the added responsibility of representing the Board of Christian Education as well as the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) — thus carrying the responsibility for leadership in the fields of Christian and Missionary Education.

Immigration

In the days when the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada first were responding to the Call to share in its mission outreach at home, Canada was welcoming to her shores many hundreds of thousands of immigrants from Europe. The Department of the Stranger was set up within the Society, and young women assisted in the welcoming of newcomers in the name of the Church. Over the years, throughout the ebb and flow of the tide of immigration to our shores, we have continued to extend a welcome to newcomers, and to assist them, where possible, to find a Church home within the land of their adoption. Today this work is still carried on by our Port Receptionist.

Hospital Visitors

One of the tasks of the first deaconesses appointed to work in Canada was that of hospital visitation. The need for this type of Christian ministry has continued through the years. The advanced medical skill, the many prepaid health insurance plans, and the increased life-span of our day, have resulted in great numbers of people being confined to institutions, for varying periods of time. The need for the Church to remember those laid aside on hospital beds, and in convalescent and geriatric centres, is greater than ever. At present we have five staff persons engaged in this ministry which is carried on in the Name of the Great Physician.

Institutions

Institutional work was the channel through which the Society made one of its greatest contributions to the development and welfare of our growing nation, in the early years of this century. Hospitals and School Homes were centres of practical Christianity, serving the physical and intellectual needs of the pioneers. As our nation grew, circumstances rendered unnecessary this type of service, so that today our institutional work is quite limited. Here in Montreal we have had a share in the work of Tyndale

House for a number of years, through our responsibility for the nursery school. A member of our National staff serves as Director of Christian Education in this downtown centre, with responsibility for the nursery school and church-centred groups.

Our institutional work with the young in Vancouver began twenty years ago with the establishment of the Children's Centre. This work later was relocated, and is now carried on in the Fraserview district of Vancouver, a veterans' housing area which has the second greatest density of child and youth population on the North American Continent.

Our newest institutional work was established as a result of our National Anniversaries' project. Presbyterian Fellowship House in Winnipeg is a home away from home for young people who move to the city, to seek employment or to further their education, as well as a haven for the transient. Members of our National staff serve as House Father and House Mother, providing in a Christian atmosphere interest in and concern for the young people who call the House "home."

Inner City

To many of our people, downtown missions is a comparatively new phase of the Church's mission. It is interesting to note, however, that in 1908 our church appointed a downtown missions committee, for deprived persons, with their resultant problems, have always been the legacy of large cities. Since the end of World War II a tremendous change has taken place within our nation. The age of automation has overtaken us. Centralization and urbanization have transformed our former rural culture into an urban one. In all of our large cities — which are rapidly becoming larger — we find an "inner city" problem: — great numbers of economically and culturally deprived persons are caught in the cities' core, where they are forced to live in poor overcrowded accommodation — hundreds of potentially delinquent young people find their only sense of belonging on the streets, and many children are virtually left to fend for themselves. In the midst of the complexities of the inner city, our staff carries on its ministry.

The Challenge of a New Day

As the members of staff stood before a large map of Canada, Dr. J. Alan Munro, Secretary for Home Missions, General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, brought "The Challenge of a New Day" to all assembled in The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Also sharing in the presentation were fourteen members of the Girls' Choir from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, and seven members of the Male Chorus from the Birtle Indian Residential School.

NATIONAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

RESIGNATION — MISS HELEN ROSS

Miss Helen Ross officially retired from the National staff of our Society on April 1st, 1964, having completed thirty-four years of faithful service. Miss Ross was born and educated in Chesley, Ontario, where she taught school for several years, following her graduation from Stratford Normal School. She attended the Missionary and Deaconess Training School (now Ewart College), and, upon graduation in 1930, she was appointed to Deaconess work in the city of Saskatoon. During the next twenty years her duties as a Deaconess took her to Regina, Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, and Vancouver, where she worked in the Children's Centre. In the latter part of 1950 Miss Ross was appointed to serve as Deaconess-secretary at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, where she has continued to serve.

A presentation was made to Miss Ross by the Society at the luncheon in the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, on May 10th. Among those present who expressed their appreciation for her services by applause were the fourteen members of the Cecilia Jeffrey School Girls' Choir who participated in the Anniversaries' Celebrations. Miss Ross will long be remembered for her quiet, efficient helpfulness, whenever there was a task to be performed. Although she is officially no longer a member of our National Department, she will continue on the staff of the Cecilia Jeffrey School for the present.

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STAFF NEWS

Miss Hilda Blackwell took up her new appointment as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Prince Albert on June 16th following eight months of study at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. Miss Blackwell, in addition to her regular study furlough, took a period of leave in order to complete her two semesters.

Miss Evelyn Murdoch resumed her

duties in the Presbytery of Saskatoon, following her study furlough, during which time she completed one semester at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

Many of the women, who were privileged to attend the Anniversaries' Celebrations in Montreal, admired the beautifully hand-tooled natural leather covers in which the Anniversary pages from the seven Synodicals are bound. These are the handiwork of *Miss Hazell Davis* of our National Staff.

We were very proud of the students from our Indian Residential Schools, who shared in the Anniversaries' Celebrations. A choir of fourteen girls from the Cecilia Jeffrey School in Kenora, under the direction of the Principal, Mr. S. T. Robinson, and a chorus of seven boys from the Birtle School, under the direction of Mrs. N. M. Rusaw, added much to the Programme, as they contributed sacred numbers to the "Mission to Canada" presentation and to two Services of Worship.

The talent and versatility of these young people were evident as they also shared in the programme during the meal hours at the Mount Royal Hotel. Here the girls rendered a medley of secular and sacred songs. Harold Harper of Birtle played two fine piano solos, and five of the boys, in beautiful costumes, thrilled the audience as they demonstrated the Indian pow wow dances.

Many of our Montreal Presbyterians, in addition to those who attended the Celebrations, enjoyed the singing of the joint choirs, as they participated in the Sunday Services at Knox-Crescent and Kensington, and the Town of Mount Royal Presbyterian Churches.

A very attractive display set up in The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul by the National Department, depicted the various phases of work in which it shares. Colorful posters, together with handwork and articles of Indian-Canadian and Chinese origin, presented an interesting study. The outstanding part of the display was a model of the Birtle Residential School and property, made to scale by the students under the direction of the Principal, Mr. N. M. Rusaw, and Miss M. Kenny, a teacher at the school for many years. The back-drop of the display included pictures of the early school buildings and Indian-Canadian life and opportunities afforded to the students; areas from which they came; and present day handwork by the students.

Two birthday gifts to the Society were received by Mrs. A. S. Curr at the Sunday luncheon. On behalf of the Chinese congregation in Vancouver, Miss Ruth Yeandle presented an Anniversary card containing a one hundred dollar bill, in appreciation of the many workers provided among the Vancouver Chinese people by the Society over the years. Miss Debeta Mamakeesick, a member of the Choir, presented a cheque for one hundred dollars from the pupils of the Cecilia Jeffrey School.

The members of Council Executive were entertained to a delightful Chinese dinner on May 10th by the Chinese congregation in Montreal. On behalf of the congregation, the Reverend Paul Chan and Mrs. James Lee presented the Society with an attractive Chinese banner bearing the Chinese symbols "Love Knows No Boundary".

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

CALL AND RESPONSE

This is the book for which we have all been waiting! At the Anniversaries Celebrations in Montreal, no book, in all of the Publications Display, was in greater demand. It is the first complete history of our Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), from its actual beginning in 1864, to the present day, one hundred years later, and was carefully compiled by the History Book Committee from the accurately-researched material supplied by those W. M. S. women responsible for each Chapter, who painstakingly searched through old records and Annual Reports; through the little Letter Leaflets; the three early Missionary Magazines which, merging into the Missionary Messenger in 1914, became the Glad Tidings in 1925, as it remains today; and through all the early Study Books. Every W. M. S. member should have a copy of this comprehensive and well-told history of her Society, not only for its historical importance, but for its interesting readability, and for the real pleasure and knowledge she will derive from the perusal of its 110 attention-holding pages.

It has been entitled "Call and Response," because it is a fact that every phase of our W. M. S. work throughout the years has, in turn, been undertaken as the need for such work arose, and in response to "Christ's Call to Mission," as The Presbyterian Church in Canada requested the help of its women, in fulfilling the needs in these avenues of service. The Call was urgent, and the response was immediate, as it continues to be to this day in the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), whose membership embraces Presbyterian women from Quebec to the Pacific Coast. First you will read "The Organization Story," the story of the development of the Society, by Miss Louise Reith; then the History of the Synodical Societies — Montreal and Ottawa, by Mrs. W. Stanford Reid; Toronto and Kingston, by Mrs. N. W. G. Baker; Hamilton and London, by Mrs. J. B. Russell; Manitoba, by Mrs. F. L. Jones; Saskatchewan, by Miss Marion Grant; Alberta, by Mrs. G. A. Cunningham and Mrs. G. A. Ross; British Columbia, by Miss Sybil White.

These are followed by "The Story of the Publication Department and the Official W. M. S. Magazine," by Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry; "The Story Overseas," by Miss Mary E. Whale; "The National Story," by Miss Giollo Kelly; and, finally, "The Second Century," by Mrs. George Peckover, which sums up our appreciation of the work of those wonderful women of our past, and points out the challenge and the goal for the future. Price — paper $1.50.

(May be ordered from The Publications Department, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada, Room 800—100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.)

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Boys and Girls!

A BOOK I CAN READ

by CLARENCE H. FERGUSON

Ten-year-old Kanunga, living in a village of the Congo in Africa, knew that he was fortunate. His home was plain and humble, made of poles with reeds for its roof. His people were farmers and fishermen. They cooked their meals on open fires outside their homes. But Kanunga had a bicycle which he could ride with real skill. Besides that, he was one of the few people in his village who had learned to read. Mr. Brown, the teacher at his school, had come from America. Kanunga looked upon him as his friend, and learned many important things from him. New windows had been opened in his mind, windows that let him see and learn of other people in such a way that he almost felt he knew them.

There was one of whom his

teacher friend talked quite often. He was a carpenter in a small village, who became a teacher and a helper of the people wherever he went. Boys and girls, men and women, came to know him as their friend. When he spoke many said, "He is different. He seems to know what we are like and helps us as no one else has." Kanunga wanted to learn more about this one called Jesus.

One day Kanunga said to himself, "What is the use of being able to read if I do not have any books in my own Lingala language? I know what I'll do. I'll go to my teacher and ask for a book that I can read for myself." In a few minutes he was on his bicycle riding towards the home of Mr. Brown, his teacher and his friend. He rapped at the door and waited with excitement for an answer. Upon Mr. Brown's arrival at the door they greeted each other with the rapid hand clasp* and smile, so familiar when friends meet in the Congo.

"Teacher," he said, "you have taught me to read and to write, but I have no book to read. Is there a book written in Lingala that you could give me to read?"

Mr. Brown's face beamed, "There certainly is, and you have come at just the right time. Only this morning, I received a parcel of books from Leopoldville. Wait and I will show you!" Kanunga's heart beat rapidly while he waited for his teacher to return from the house.

"Here is one you can read. It is written in Lingala," said Mr. Brown as he handed him a colorful booklet. Kanunga could scarcely believe his eyes. In beautiful colors he saw a picture of Jesus, and below it, in words he could understand, "Jesus — Friend of Children Everywhere". On an inside page he saw a picture of a group of people sitting on a hillside, some were grownups and some were children, with Jesus in the centre of the group. You could tell by the gesture of his hands that he was talking to them, perhaps telling a story.

"This is for you, Kanunga," his teacher said, "I was told to give one of these books to each boy and girl in our village who has learned to read." Then he showed him another book and said, "Does this picture seem familiar to you?" The front page had a coloured picture of a number of people sitting around a camp-fire, just the way his own people often did in the evening. One of them was telling a story. There was a young boy in the picture, listening to every word from the man who was talking. Kanunga guessed that it was Jesus, for below the picture he could read in Lingala, "Stories Jesus Heard".

"When you have read the first book about Jesus," Mr. Brown said, "you can have this second one. It tells how man learned about God before the time of Jesus, and how God spoke to them. Jesus was always interested in these stories, and he often spoke about them when he was teaching."

Kanunga was really excited and filled with curiosity. "Where did you get these books, and how were they printed like this in Lingala?" he asked.

"I would like to tell you about that," Mr. Brown said. "Perhaps some day you will be able to go to Leopoldville, and see the wonder of how books like this are made. You will see one of your African men using what they call a Monotype machine. He will press a key just as I do on my typewriter, and a mark will be punched on a piece of paper, that unrolls in a long strip and is rolled again. Then another man will put this roll of paper on a machine that produces a metal letter for each one on the paper. These letters are now put together in words, ink is put on them, they are rolled through a machine and you get printing just like this." He held up the page to show the printing in Lingala.

"But the coloured pictures are sent from America to put into the books. Whom do you suppose sent them? Let me tell you. In Canada and United States there are groups of boys and girls meeting with their teachers in what they call Vacation Church Schools. They learn about Jesus, and how they may follow him and live the way he shows us. They have pictures of him, and stories about him in their language. That boys and girls, everywhere in the world, may have such pictures with stories in the language they can read, they are making offerings in their schools, sharing some of their money to do this very thing. These books were made possible by their gifts. They want you, and every other boy and girl, to know Jesus and how important he is in our lives. They know that he is just as concerned for anyone in Africa as in America. When they bring their offerings they sing, "In Christ there is no East nor West" and they pray that their gifts may be used to help make, of all people, one great family of love.

Kanunga didn't quite know what to say, he was so excited. "Thank you ever so much", was all he could put into words. But his smile and enthusiastic hand clasp showed how he felt. As he rode home he said to himself, "I came to get a book to read, but I surely got a whole lot more!" (*from The Vacation Church School Missionary Project Packet*)

*(*an African greeting which serves the same purpose as our handshake.*)

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ANNIVERSARIES HIGHLIGHTS

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gave a soul-stirring and challenging Address on "Our Inheritance — Inspiration for Tomorrow", in which he stressed the tremendous value of our heritage, even as he pointed out that we are living in a brand new Age of history — the Atomic Age — and that our world has changed more in the last century than it has for centuries before. "The past belongs to us", he said, "but we do not belong to the past. More is required of us — the challenge of population and people is staggering! Christianity is facing both a crisis and a challenge. God calls us to follow Him into this new age." Dr. McMillan has kindly given his permission to publish the full text of this most outstanding and arousing Address in the September issue of our "Glad Tidings", and I would earnestly urge every member to carefully read, and ponder, every word of its valuable message.

Now came one of the important highlights of the whole Anniversaries' Celebrations — the Presentation of "The Anniversary Books" by each Synodical President. In a brief and impressive Ceremony, these beautiful Books were received by Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, Past Treasurer of the Society, who first originated the idea of these "Books" which have been so warmly accepted, and subscribed to, all throughout our membership. The handsome hand-tooled beige leather covers, lined with mottled wine leather, each bearing the Crest and the Motto of our Society, are the expert work of one of our own Deaconesses, whose special talent this is — Miss Hazell

Davis, serving in the Presbytery of West Toronto, with headquarters in Bonar Church, Toronto, now known as a Down Town Church, with "Inner City" problems. Following Mrs. Sinclair's brief Address, each book was ceremoniously presented by each Synodical President, in turn, through Mrs. Sinclair to the Council Executive of the W.M.S. (W.D.) — Montreal and Ottawa, by Mrs. Stanford Reid; Toronto and Kingston, by Past President Mrs. Paul Newton; Hamilton and London, by Mrs. Donald McInnes; Manitoba, by Mrs. H. J. Loney; Saskatchewan, by Mrs. W. A. Wilson. Alberta, by Mrs. C. D. Milson; British Columbia, by Mrs. I. LeHuquet. Mrs. Sinclair then dedicated these "Books", with Prayer. Later, each "Book", with its hundreds of names, was placed on exhibition in the Display of its respective Synodical, in Presbyterian College. They were all safely returned to Council Headquarters at the close of the Annual Meeting, and, from there, each will be sent out for circulation in its own Synodical, as requested. The Moderator closed this Opening Meeting with the Benediction, after which a Get Acquainted Session, at which refreshments were served, was enjoyed in Kildonan Hall.

Saturday morning, Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Director of Organization, led in the Service of Worship — the first of the series of three, which opened the Sessions of Saturday morning, and afternoon, and the closing session on Sunday afternoon. These were prepared by Miss Reith, to key-in with the Theme Addresses given by Miss Margaret Kennedy, of the Bhil Field, India, whose Theme was "The World for Christ", and all three will be published in "The Glad Tidings" as Miss Reith gave them, and as so many members have requested, beginning with this issue. As part of this Saturday morning Worship Service, one of the great delights was the singing of the Indian Young Peoples Choir — the boys and girls from our two Indian Schools, Cecilia Jeffrey and Birtle, who, with their Principals and Matrons, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Rusaw, came all the way from Kenora and Birtle to share in this historic occasion and to add their beautiful gift of song to the Anniversaries' Programme on many occasions. At these Worship Services, with lovely tone and harmony, they sang "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us", and, at the Afternoon Session, "O Worship The King."

At this morning Session, Miss Margaret Kennedy gave the first of her three Addresses — "The Invitation"; the second followed at the Afternoon Session — "The Challenge"; the third — "The Command", was heard at the closing Session, Sunday Afternoon. It was a wonderful experience to have our own Missionary, whose own life has been a joyous dedication to her Master, come all the way from her busy work in India, especially to give these unforgettable Addresses to the great gathering of W.M.S. women, who sat before her in The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, and for that we do indeed give grateful thanks. One had the very strong feeling, as she spoke from that high pulpit, that truly, through her, God was transmitting a great message to His people — one which would be treasured in the hearts and minds of all who listened so raptly — (a pin could have been heard dropping in that vast Sanctuary as she spoke!) — and one which must bear blessed fruit in the work of our Society, as well as in the lives and thinking of its members, as they carried home with them the knowledge, inspiration, and deepened faith, which Miss Kennedy's message must have left in their hearts. These three Addresses are to be published, of course, but not in "The Glad Tidings", as was at first discussed. It was felt that all three should appear together, so that the complete message could carry through without interruption, so, as soon as possible, an Anniversary Packet will be prepared, and made available for a small sum. This will contain these three Addresses, and other valuable materials used at the Anniversaries Presentations. On page 13 of our magazine, you will find a Special Announcement giving full details of this.

On Saturday morning, too, "Mission to Canada" was presented by the National and Organization Departments and Staffs, and a full account of these will be given elsewhere in this issue. At the Afternoon Session, "The World for Christ", the Overseas Presentation, was given, and this, also, will be fully reported by the Director under "Searchlight on the Mission Overseas". At the morning Session, however, I must mention especially the beautiful singing of "The Twenty-Third Psalm", by the Cecilia Jeffrey Girls Choir, and the Birtle Male Chorus; the two selections "Fairest Lord Jesus", and "Steal Away", by the Girls' Choir; "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by the Birtle Male Chorus; and "Abide With Me" by the Birtle Male Quartette; and, very specially, the perfection of "How Great Thou Art", by the Cecilia Jeffrey Girls' Choir — unaccompanied. These were outstanding and so, too, was the Address, "The Challenge of a New Day", by Dr. J. Alan Munroe, Secretary for Home Missions, at the close of the Morning Session.

Saturday Evening, before at least 1,500 women, filling the Sanctuary to the very last seat in the top Gallery, the Pageant Presentation, "In Christ's World", took place, directed by Miss Laura K. Pelton, and with script written by Miss Reith. Narrators for Part I, "The Backdrop of History", were Miss Frieda Matthews and the Rev. James Peter Jones, Assistant to the Minister of this Church. The series of tableaux were presented by women of Montreal Presbyterial; the beautiful old costumes were provided by Miss Dorothy Coles and Mrs. Dorey. Some 22 persons participated in these tableaux, depicting women and events from 1864 to 1875, as well as Nurses of those early days, and Indian, Chinese, Korean, Hungarian and Ukrainian people among whom our work is still carried on. As the finale of the Evening Presentation, this was followed by a Panel, "Christ Confronts The World Today", in which Miss Ellen V. Haw represented the Church; Miss Pelton, an Asian, Dr. D. T. Niles; the Rev. J. S. Clarke, the Angry Young Christian, and the Rev. George Hopton, the Humanist. This included a Service of Worship, which closed the Evening Presentation.

The nine o'clock Sunday morning Sacrament of Holy Communion, celebrated in the reverent and devotional atmosphere of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, where it is always conducted according to the Order and Tradition of The Church of Scotland, was, without doubt, the most impressive, and personally heart-moving, highlight of the whole three days of Anniversaries Celebrations. It seemed as if all that had gone before had been steadily leading onward and upward to this holy time of communion and common fellowship together, at The Table of The Lord. This was an experience to be treasured always as one of Life's great and precious moments — one can only strive to be worthy of sharing in it! To the exultant strains of Psalm 60 — "Hail to the Lord's Anointed", the long processional came up the aisle of the Sanctuary to take their places in the Chancel — the Choir, in their colourful gowns; the Clerk of the Kirk Session; the many Elders of the Church; the Minister, the Rev. Dr. Berlis, in his robes; the Assistant Minister, the Rev. James Peter Jones; and the Church Officer, Mr. Fred Jackson, in his black gown.

Then, in the hushed Sanctuary, rose the Prayers of Invocation and Confession; the Lord's Prayer — repeated by all; the Communion Lesson, read from St. John 15, verses 11 to 17; the Communion Meditation, given by Dr. Berlis — "Why The Sacrament?" — a scholarly and helpful Address and explanation, which concluded thus — "This Sacrament is the proof of our reconsecration. We, today, here in the presence of the world, receive with faith and reverence the symbols with which we offer our "Sacramentum" (the ancient Roman pledge of loyalty) — "The World For Christ". We can do no less. Therefore, let us "Keep the Feast". The Apostle's

Creed was repeated, all standing. Then came the Invitation to the Sacrament; the unveiling of the Holy Bread and Wine, by those Elders occupying the characteristic "Elders' Stalls", flanking the Holy Table on either side; the Exaltation of the Holy Bread and Holy Cup by the Ministers, and then, with dignified precision, and solemnity, the Elders, two by two, brought the Holy Bread and the Holy Wine from the Holy Table to the worshipping people in the pews. One could well imagine oneself taking Communion in St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, as it has been served all down the centuries!

Many of our members went to other Presbyterian Churches in Montreal for the Eleven O'clock Service, but I returned to The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, and heard Dr. Berlis give a most outstanding sermon, "The Mission and The Motive", whose theme was taken from Chapter I, Acts of the Apostles, verse 8—"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost past of the earth". This was "A Sermon in Recognition of the Centenary of the W.M.S." — a powerful challenge and directive for W.M.S. women, even as it gave full value to the accomplishments of the past. "Centuries pass", said Dr. Berlis, "but the fundamentals of our faith do not change. Without the Missionary interest in our Church, we grow selfish and complacent — go to sleep! This Missionary spirit made the Church vital in 1864; only this far-reaching and enlarged Missionary spirit *can* make the Church vital in 1864!"

That same afternoon, in the Sanctuary, came the Closing Session of the Anniversaries Celebrations, when Miss Kennedy gave the third of her splendid Addresses — "The Command". In this, she pointed out that "privilege brings responsibility; that the man who did not use his talent was cast out; that we must learn to judge ourselves by the standards of The Sermon on the Mount; that crucifixion in human experience can mean a resurrection in Christian experience; and that the purpose of our gathering together at this time is to listen to God's command, to commit ourselves anew to Him, and to the work He is calling us to do for Him on earth." Miss Reith led in her final Service of Worship, immediately following this Address, and Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, sang, in conclusion "An Anniversary Prayer", the words of which were written by Miss Reith.

In between all these busy events were the two Luncheons and the

Dinner, which had been arranged for everyone to enjoy together in the great Banquet Hall of the Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel. Then it was that Special Guests were introduced and welcomed — Mrs. D. R. McLean, President of the W.M.S., Eastern Division; Mrs. Howard Black, who represented the Women's Division, World Presbyterian Alliance; Mrs. Harris, from the Bermuda Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Tsai Kuo Cheh-Lui, the Department of Women's Work, General Assembly, Presbyterian Church of Formosa, who had presented a beautiful silken wall panel, embroidered with warm words of greeting from the Church in Formosa; Miss Nellie Smith, a beloved and vital part of our W.M.S. work since 1925; Dr. Stanford Reid, of the Administrative Council; Rev. D. T. Evans, General Board of Missions; Lt. Col. C. C. Kruger, Board of Christian Education; Rev. Giles Warnery and Rev. A. J. Gowland, Board of Evangelism and Social Action; Rev. E. J. Briard, Board of Stewardship and Budget; Miss Lily Macarthur and Miss Laura K. Pelton; Miss Margaret Webster, Principal of Ewart College; Miss Valerie Dunn, The Presbyterian Record.

Four Past Presidents — Mrs. J. G. Inkster, Mrs. A. W. Pae, Mrs. W. R. Adamson, Mrs. Glenn Thompson — were specially welcomed, and Miss Hazell Davis, whose clever fingers had made the covers of the Anniversaries' Books, was introduced. At the Evening Dinner, the Cecilia Jeffrey Choir, and Birtle Boys' Choir, gave several selections, and three of the boys from Birtle, dressed in their colourful Warrior Chieftain regalia, thrilled everyone by staging a real Indian Pow-Wow, and dancing two authentic Indian War Dances to tom-tom accompaniment. Other outstanding highlights were the charming little speech made by one of the young Indian girls from Cecilia Jeffrey School, as she presented, from her School, an Anniversaries' Gift of a One Hundred Dollar Cheque to the W.M.S.; the Chinese Dinner given for the delegates by the Chinese Presbyterian Church, at which a beautiful embroidered Banner was presented to the W.M.S., accompanied by a gift of One Hundred Dollars; and the presentation made to Miss Helen Ross, Deaconess, who came to the W.M.S. in 1930, and is retiring this year from our Staff, although continuing her work at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ont., for a time.

Sunday night many members returned to their far-flung homes, but the seventy Delegates remained, to convene on Monday morning in Kildonan Hall, for the 49th Annual Council Meeting — a day and a half of concentrated business — but the story of those days and their decisions, must wait for another Article!

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — At the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* President, Mrs. W. W. Stewart, presided, and spoke briefly on the words "Pray and Prayer". The Devotional Period was conducted by N. G. Robertson, and Mr. Lord was Soloist. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. A. Richmond, illustrated her Address on *The Holy Land,* with coloured slides of *East Asia.*

The Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Groups of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Burnaby,* sponsored a Missionary Dinner Meeting, for which the Theme was "Why We are Here". Miss Ellen Douglas was Guest Speaker. Mrs. A. MacKay received the gifts brought in for *India.*

Miss Annie G. Hill, B.A. of *New Westminster,* was Guest Speaker at the Easter Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Robertson Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* For many years the Glad Tidings Secretary for Westminster Presbyterial, and following in the footsteps of her Mother, who preceded her in this Office, Miss Hill traced the development of the W.M.S. Official Magazine from the little Pioneer Letter Leaflets, which cost 12 cents per year, to the three sectional W.M.S. Magazines, which united in 1914 to become The Missionary Messenger, and emerged in 1925, as the Glad Tidings, as we know it today. Two Minutes of Silent Prayer was observed in memory of two departed members — the late Mrs. Holy, a member for more than forty years; and the late Mrs. Richardson.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The Isobel Taylor Evening W.M.S. Group of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* held their Easter Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church, using the Easter Worship Service from the March "Glad Tidings." Mrs. Beukema was Soloist, and Miss May Nutt, showed the film on *India.* "The Barren Soil." Special Guests were Miss Barbara J. Rose, of *St. John's, Newfoundland;* Mrs. J. Moores, *Killarney, Manitoba;* and Mrs. G. A. Hadjiantoniou, wife of the Minister of Chalmers Presbyterian Church.

When Miss Edith Magee, B.A., on furlough from the *Jhansi Field, Northern India,* was in this Presbyterial, she addressed a C.G.I.T. and Explorers Rally, drawn from different Presbyterian Churches, and also the congregations of Knox, and St. Giles Presbyterian Churches, *Calgary*. An open Meeting for all women of the Church was held in Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* where Miss Magee showed slides and told of the interesting work with the Tibetan Children, who are refugees in *India*. The Elizabeth Rae Missionary Group was hostess on this occasion.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial held a Special Meeting in First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* inviting all Girls and Women's Groups in the City to hear Miss Edith Magee, B.A., on furlough from the *Jhansi Field, India.* Mrs. G. Scott, Presbyterial President presided, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. T. Hogg, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Dressed in native costume, Miss Magee illustrated her Address with excellent pictures, and told about her work at the Helen MacDonald Memorial Higher Secondary School, and of the twenty Refugee Tibetan Children, who are now being cared for at this School. The Rev. Fraser Dunbar, Assistant Minister of First Presbyterian Church, brought greetings from the Church, and pronounced the Benediction. A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

When Miss Edith Magee, B.A., visited Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* in the Afternoon she showed pictures of *India,* and spoke to the Explorer Groups and the Church School. In the Evening an Open Meeting was held for the *Wainwright* and *Chauvin* congregations, at which Miss Magee showed beautiful coloured slides and told of the Helen MacDonald Memorial School, where she lives and teaches. Twenty destitute refugee children from Tibet are now being cared for at this School. A Social Hour in the Lower Hall was enjoyed following the Meeting.

MacLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — At the Jolsa Festival, held in St. John's Prebyterian Church, *Medicine Hat,* the Explorers honoured Mrs. A. M. Smith; Mrs. R. L. Taylor; Rev. J. B. Milne; and Dr. R. L. Taylor, when each received a garland. In pantomime, the Explorers told the story of the Abbey Memorial Home, for orphans, in *Amkhut, India;* the Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. was held, and, later, this Group presented the Play, "The Marriage Arrangement", portraying the lives of some young people of the Christian Church in *India.* The Hargrave W.M.S. Guild, and the Isobel Taylor W.M.S. Guild presented a Panel Discussion on "Educational Work of the Church in India."

Following the Programme, the various Displays and the table of mementos from *India,* shown by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Moore, aroused much interest. Indian costumes and saris made a colourful group enjoying tea, gajreli bars, and South Asian food, and the tea table, centred with lotus blossoms, was decorated with streamers in India's colours. Proceeds were for the Presbyterial Camp Fund, to assist girls wishing to attend *Camp Kannawin* at *Sylvan Lake*.

Following the Evening Church Service at St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Medicine Hat*, the Heather Murray Guild of Riverside Presbyterian Church, *Medicine Hat*, met with the Afternoon W.M.S. Study Group; the Hargrave Guild, and the Isobel Taylor W.M.S. Guild, of St. John's Presbyterian Church. Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. A. M. Smith; Mrs. M. Dowker reviewed the Anniversaries' Historical Display of *Alberta* Synodical; and Mrs. A. Predy poured tea.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lethbridge*, invited 40 new members of the Church to join them in a Coffee Party in the Church Lounge, when Special Displays of Articles and pamphlets brought back from the Anniversary Celebrations in *Montreal*, were shown, and a Talk was given on the W.M.S. and its Work. It is hoped that new members of the W.M.S. will result.

The Rev. Orville Getty, retired Baptist Missionary from *India*, was Guest Speaker when five C.G.I.T. members affiliated with the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lethbridge*. Describing the Indian caste system, he paralleled it with our own western culture. At the Displays on *India, Nepal, Ceylon* and *Pakistan*, produced by the girls, maps, posters, and handicrafts of each country were interestingly presented.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Special honour was paid to Mrs. J. MacDonald, a Charter Member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Assiniboia*, when the congregation gathered in the Church Parlors following the Morning Service to pay tribute to her fifty years of faithful service as Sunday School Teacher; Choir Member; Leader and Organist. Mrs. MacDonald received a corsage when she arrived that Sunday morning, and, following the Testimonial Dinner, Mr. James Ayre, Elder and Choir Member, presented to her on behalf of the congregation, a specially engraved silver tray, as a tangible expression of appreciation and thanks.

Mrs. MacDonald joined the Choir of the newly-organized Church, for the Christmas Service in 1913, when the first Minister was the Rev. J. G. Stevens. The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary was organized in January, 1914, and in 1948, Mrs. MacDonald accepted the Presidency, which Office she held until 1958. During these ten years, every member was given a Life Membership. In 1961, this Auxiliary joined with the Ladies Aid to become

"The Presbyterian Women's Association of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church". Mrs. MacDonald was President of the Ladies Aid in 1941, and again from 1951 to 1953.

When Moose Jaw Presbyterial met in *Assiniboia* in 1964, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church had the honour of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of this W.M.S. Auxiliary; Mrs. MacDonald's 50 years of membership; and the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). President Mrs. Logan presented to Mrs. MacDonald a beautiful rose to commemorate her fifty years of Membership.

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—Recently, in two of the *Fort William* Churches, Graduation Services were held for the C.G.I.T. Groups. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, an impressive Ceremony was held for Graduates Kathryn Buie; Jane Cashaback; Carole Mackay; and Karen Middleton. The Rev. A. H. Johnston, D. D., was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. A. Cava was Soloist. On behalf of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, Mrs. K. W. Hearnden presented a Graduation Pin to each of the Graduates. At the Reception following, refreshments were provided by the Youth Work Committee.

At First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* Heather MacDonald and Lorna Hewson were graduated from C.G.I.T. at an Evening Service conducted by the Minister, the Rev. Donald A. Firth, B.A. As part of the Graduation Service, four C.G.I.T. members sang as a quartette. Following the Service, a Reception was held, and the flowers the C.G.I.T. had provided for the Sanctuary, were used at the Teatable and later sent to Shut-Ins.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur* held their Expense Fund Tea in the Church Hall, when the many guests were welcomed by Mrs. J. Clarke Hood, wife of the Minister; Mrs. J. McDougal, Presbyterial President; and Mrs. W. J. Stirrett, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. A basket of Spring flowers centred the teatable, and the Anniversaries' place mats and serviettes were used.

Thirteen C.G.I.T. members were affiliated with the W.M.S. in an Affiliation Service held in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* recently. Many Mothers, and members of the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of First Presbyterian; *Oliver Road;* and *Jumbo Gardens,* were present, and Mrs. G. McCutcheon showed interesting slides of *India* and W.M.S. work there. Refreshments were served by the C.G.I.T. Group.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — At St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* a Service of special interest was held when the C.G.I.T. Groups of Calvin; Elmwood; St. James; and

St. John's Presbyterian Churches, became affiliated with the W.M.S. Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, Presbyterial President, took part in the Service, and the Rev. James Marnoch, B.A., of St. John's Presbyterian Church, addressed the girls and women.

When the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* celebrated their fifteenth Anniversary, tribute was paid to Miss Ruby Walker, Synodical Regional Secretary at that time, who organized this Group in 1949. President, Mrs. R. J. Earl, welcomed the women of the congregation who had responded to the Auxiliary invitation to be present, and Miss Margaret Dunwoody reviewed the Study on "South East Asia". Miss Winnifred Nash read excerpts from "The Glad Tidings"; Miss Isobel Adam showed a Literature Display, and reviewed many of the books shown. Mrs. Bernice Linney, the C.G.I.T. Leader, was Soloist, accompanied by Miss Isobel Andrew, the Church Organist.

A surprise feature of the evening was the presentation of two Honorary Memberships, given by Mrs. A. H. McKay, President of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, and presented to Mrs. S.V.A. Gordon, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. Digby Wheeler, Secretary of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James, both of whom have given long and faithful service to the Society. A Social Hour followed the Meeting, when a Birthday Cake was served.

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. F. A. Creasey, President of this Presbyterial, at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Dresden,* spoke on "Easter, and its Meaning to W.M.S. Workers." Guests from *Wallaceburg,* joined members in the Church for this Meeting, and later saw the Display of Anniversaries' Souvenirs.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Donald MacInnes, was re-elected to a fourth term as President of Hamilton and London Synodical, when the Annual Synodical Meeting was held in *London,* last April. Miss Giollo G. Kelly, B.A., was Guest Speaker, and in her challenging Address, stressed that "Caring demands sacrifice". Worship Services and Prayer Services were most inspiring, and the Panel Discussion between Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, and the ten Presbyterial Presidents answered many pertinent questions. In keeping with the Theme, "Milestones Past and Present", each Presbyterial President, by means of skit, radio broadcast or pageant, portrayed one phase of W.M.S. work, both National and Overseas. The story of the Women's Home Missionary Society in the first fifty years was presented by Mrs. A. G. Neal; the history of the

Women's Foreign Missionary Society was given by Miss Bertha MacKay.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Whitechurch,* Mr. Jacob Kniper, Student-Minister of this Church, was Guest Speaker.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Bluevale,* at their Thank-Offering Meeting, had Mrs. V. Emerson, of *Whitechurch,* as their Guest Speaker, and Mrs. A. Mundell, of *Belmore,* showed the film strip, "On Barren Soil", depicting the W.M.S. work on the *Bhil Field, India.*

Mrs. B. Malda, was Guest Speaker at a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham.* Her subject was "Women Who Amazed The World for the Resurrected Christ."

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—The Rev. Thomas Mulholland, Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Pelham Road, *St. Catharines,* a former Missionary in *China,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church. Miss Isobel Ayre conducted the Worship Service, and guests were present from many neighbouring groups.

Members of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Beamsville,* wore gowns of the "Gay Nineties", to welcome guests to their Heirloom Luncheon in the Church Hall. President, Mrs. Lloyd Teft, welcomed the forty ladies, who enjoyed the Luncheon, convened by Mrs. G. C. Prudhomme. The buffet table was centred with flowers and antique candelabra and Mrs. A. C. McArthur asked the blessing. Mrs. Wm. Harper led the Sing-Song; corsages were presented to Past Presidents, Mrs. G. C. Prudhomme; Mrs. A. W. Reid; Mrs. A. C. McArthur; Mrs. W. J. Walker and the Presbyterial Literature Secretary, Mrs. Grant Bearss, both of *Stamford,* were specially welcomed. Two large tables of antiques were displayed.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — "Pilgrimage, Protection and Guidance", was the theme of the 75th Anniversary Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia,* when President, Mrs. R. B. Ross presided, and Mrs. R. Runnals conducted Devotions. Mrs. Donald MacInnes, Synodical President, introduced by Mrs. R. S. Burnham, spoke on the theme of the Meeting. Mrs. A. Leitch presented an Anniversaries Portfolio, outlining the founding of the W.M.S., and the work of the Society in Canada and Overseas.

A Pageant, "As The Years Pass By", with appropriately dated costumes, depicted the Organization Meeting in *Thedford* in 1888. Mrs. L. H. Sinclair paid tribute to the Missionary women who united the three branches of the W.M.S., and those who served in distant

Fields. Mrs. D. St. Clair Campbell closed the Meeting with Prayer. A Social Hour was enjoyed in Wenine Hall, where, three tables representing three milestones — 50th, 75th, and 100th Anniversaries — were decorated with Mums and Tapers; the fourth table centred with the Anniversaries Cake, and the Globe of the World. Pouring tea were Mrs. M. Isbister; Mrs. C. L. Smith, *Sarnia;* Mrs. D. Crawford, *Strathroy;* Mrs. Wm. MacKenzie, *Forest;* Mrs. J. Strangway, Point Edward; Miss Rachel Jarvis, *Corrunna.*

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Meaford,* held their Easter Meeting in the Church, with the President presiding. Guest Speaker, Mrs. R. H. McKee of *Nottawa,* gave an Address on the theme, "Go Forth".

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — When Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., on furlough from *Nigeria,* spoke to an interested group of W.M.S. women in the Presbyterian Church, of *Beaverton,* she emphasized that our Missionaries go out as part of a team — God; the Church; the W.M.S.; and themselves.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — At the W.M.S. Sunday Service held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Oshawa,* the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Alex McDonald; Mrs. M. McGregor; and Mrs. A. Short. The story of W.M.S. work in *Nigeria* was interestingly portrayed by Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., home on furlough from our Mission in that land.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. S. A. Milne, President of this Presbyterial, presided at the Evening W.M.S. Meeting, held in Victoria Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when Mrs. Fred Knox was presented with a silver Anniversaries' Spoon, and Reports of the Annual Synodical Meeting were given. A Display of Articles for the Indian Schools was an interesting feature, and the film "From Barren Soil" showed how love, kindness, and medical care helped to win the Bhil people to the Christian faith.

The Robertson W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Milton,* at a recent Meeting celebrated a 75th Anniversary. Corsages were presented to five Past Presidents. Mrs. T. Amis presided, and Mrs. S. Moore Gordon gave an illustrated Address on *"Formosa",* where she and her husband gave so many years of Missionary service.

Mrs. K. Flick presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Anna Reid W.M.S. Auxiliary of Royce Avenue Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when a Special Gift of $353.00 was presented for the work of the W.M.S., in affectionate memory of the late Mrs. W. G. Lewis, wife of their Minister. Past Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. C.

McFarlane; President, Mrs. S. A. Milne; Mrs. Jamieson; and Mrs. Lamkin, took part in the Programme. Mr. J. Nicholson was Soloist, and the audience included many men of the congregation.

The Annual Spring Luncheon of the Mary Weatherall W.M.S. Auxiliary of Runnymede Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was attended by many guests and members. The Theme of the Meeting was "The World for Christ", the Motto of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Sunday preceding the 100th W.M.S. Anniversary Celebrations in *Montreal* was Missions Sunday in Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when members of the Janet Geggie Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary; and the members of the C.G.I.T. Group, occupied the central seats of the Church. From the pulpit, the C.G.I.T. Leader conducted Responsive Reading from the Psalms; Mrs. J. Noble, representing the Sloan Auxiliary, read the Scripture Lesson; and Mrs. O. J. Davies, President of Janet Geggie Auxiliary, gave the Prayer. The Rev. Charles G. Boyd, B.A., Minister of the Church, in his Missionary Sermon, outlined the work of the W.M.S. through the years, and told of the special three days of Anniversaries' Celebrations in *Montreal,* where, in 1864, the first organized work of the women of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada* began.

At a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Long Branch,* seven members were presented with Life Membership Certificates from their Auxiliary, and Pins were presented at the same time by members of their family. Honoured for their many years of loyal and faithful service to their Church, and their W.M.S. Auxiliary, were Mrs. A. McKee; Mrs. J. B. Smith; Mrs. E. W. Smith; Mrs. A. Turner; Mrs. R. Allison; Mrs. W. H. Knight; and Mrs. D. McCullough.

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They speak of earth's fulfilment, as Autumn days unfold;
The distant hills are silent; trees light their scarlet flame;
All earth, and trees, and waters, God's handiwork proclaim!
(L.M.C.)

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OUR INHERITANCE — INSPIRATION FOR TOMORROW

by THE REV. KENNETH S. McMILLAN, B.D., D.D.

Secretary at the Canadian Bible Society

(Dr. McMillan has kindly given us permission to publish for our readers his Address given on Friday Evening, at the Opening of the Anniversaries Celebration in Montreal.) Ed.

Rev. K. McMillan, D.D.

> "WALK ABOUT ZION . . . Mark ye well her bulwarks . . . that ye may tell it to the generations following." Psalm 48:12-13.

Gathered, as we are, for these significant anniversaries in the life of the Women's Missionary Society, it is not difficult for us to look to the past with thanksgiving and pride. One could easily yield to the temptation to dwell on our accomplishments and our history, in a nostalgic way. Into all our minds there sweeps memories of former days—times we have read about, and experiences we have felt. Into our minds there come pictures, vivid and clear, of mothers and friends, of noble women who were members of the Women's Missionary Society. One of the earliest memories I have is of my mother attending a meeting of the W.M.S. in a rural church. I am sure that similar memories are yours.

Now we are accustomed to using initials to designate organizations, such as NATO, UNO, WCC, DWME, and many others. But the letters W.M.S. were familiar to a host of people long, long ago, and were emblazoned in countless memories. I do not want to take advantage of the privilege of being with you to give personal reminiscences of the past, but I cannot refrain from saying that all my associations with the W.M.S., both west and east, have combined to give the Society a very special place of respect and affection in my mind.

Tonight, for a moment, let us "walk about Zion." It was 2,700 years ago that the Psalmist sang of the "City of the Great King." On the north was the Temple Hill, rising majestically above the city and crowned with the towers and the bulwarks and walks of Zion. Stretching out from the foot of the hill lay the city of Jerusalem. As each Judian worked at his daily task, whether buying, or selling, or plying the potter's clay, unconsciously he would look up towards the Hill of Zion and at once a feeling of security would surge through his whole being. There was the centre of his spiritual life. There was the symbol of his nation's confidence in the midst of the convulsions of a shaking world. God was in it. God had worked a great deliverance for His people, and God would remain as the source of his confidence even until death. That is why the Psalmist, in a spirit of rapture and admiration, sang "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord." This was Judah's inheritance —her heritage. Her inheritance strengthened and reassured her.

Our inheritance is so vast; the treasure is so great; the whole is of such value! Tonight we can but glance at a few of the rich legacies which have been willed to us. As Judah's heritage did not consist of worldly possessions, neither does ours. It was not worldly possessions that they saw when they looked to Zion's Hill. It was not something they could seize or handle or hoard. It was something of the mind and heart and spirit.

As we mark the bulwarks of our inheritance what do we see?

(1). We have an inheritance of VISION. Vision of the greatness of God's purposes was required, for a handful of women to be presumptuous enough to adopt the slogan "THE WORLD FOR CHRIST." When one remembers that, a century ago, women did not enjoy the freedom of the present; women did not have the vote; higher education was all but denied them; women in politics was practically unheard of; women had little to say in the leadership of the Church. When one remembers that the vast majority of women were expected to play a peculiarly domestic role, we appreciate something of the revolutionary character of the movement launched by Presbyterian women, when they founded a Missionary Society. In recent years, in all churches, the importance of the role of the laity has been discovered. We are told that the word "laymen" comes from the Greek word "Laos" which refers to the "whole people of God"—men and women, ordained and unordained. Thus it is that the whole Church is called upon to play an active role in witnessing and in the evangelization of the world. The laity, men and women, as well as the clergy are ministers of God. This new truth is scarcely new, as far as the Women's Missionary Society is concerned, for here we have a great lay movement founded long before the popularization of the "role of the laity." The fact that the W.M.S. was a pioneer laymen's movement is surely a tribute to the vision of those women who planned and founded the Society.

The way in which the women outdistanced the men in missionary concern is portrayed in the humorous verse:

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Where you find each Christian soldier
Represented by his wife!"

(2). If it took vision, it also took FAITH. Humanly speaking, to envisage winning "the world for Christ" seemed preposterous. It was a dream that could scarcely be seriously entertained by responsible people. To think of recruiting Missionaries, of obtaining the financial resources, to carry out plans which embraced not only our own nation but the world, appeared unrealistic. But with FAITH the movement was launched; with FAITH it was sustained; with FAITH it grew; and the years of service are a testimony to the validity of that FAITH.

(3). As we look at the bulwark of our inheritance there are factors other than VISION and FAITH that we recognize, but I shall mention only one other. It is that there were women of action. It is one thing to dream dreams. It is one thing to have a vision of what might be done. It is one thing to have faith to believe it can be done. BUT, it is something quite different to pick up our tents, to leave behind the accepted patterns of work, to transform our vision and faith into action, and to actually move forward. But that is exactly what the women did. They were people who did things. The type of missionary who went forth under the W.M.S. in the old days was what we now call the PIONEER MISSIONARY. These were people of action. In the field of evangelism they did not discuss the Gospel; they proclaimed it. They went forth to share the Good News of the Gospel and to witness to Christ.

Think of what was done in education! In the whole of Africa, and in much of Asia, education was pioneered by Missionaries, and few leaders of the developing nations today are not a product of a Mission School. They did not advocate education, or talk about schools. They built and taught.

The record of action is no less convincing in the field of medicine. There could scarcely be a more impressive statistic than that in India, where only 3% of the population is Christian, today 85% of the Nurses are Christian. Missionaries demonstrated their Christian concern for the sick. It was no mere sentimental, emotional pity. Action was taken, and the love of God was demonstrated. These pioneer Missionaries wrote one of the most blazing chapters in the history of the Church. They were doers of the Word. They literally gave their lives, and in many cases their bones lie buried in the land in which they served.

It is not good for us to romanticize the past, and I do not want to say more about our inheritance. What I would ask you to do is to consider for a few minutes what this inheritance of VISION and FAITH and ACTION should mean for us today. To merely look to the past is fruitless, unless we can learn something of what we are called to do today.

An Anniversary ought to be a time when we not only look back to the past, but look to see where we are today and try to discover God's will for us in the present. Looking at our day, we recognize that there have been changes from those historic days of 1864 and 1914. That is surely as much of an understatement as one can make. Looking back, we can see that 1864 was in the very centre of the 19th century, and that 1914 was the very year which marked the end of the 19th century. I think this is rather significant. The century, which we now designate the 19th, began with the defeat of Napoleon in 1815, and ended with the outbreak of the First World War in 1914. It was a remarkable century. It saw the expansion of the white race. It was largely a time of peace. It was a century of optimism. Men spoke of "getting better and better." It was the century which coined the slogan "the evangelization of the world in this generation." Looking back, we can see it was the greatest Missionary century the world has known. At the beginning of the 19th century, in the space of a few years no less than sixteen Missionary societies were founded.

It is most important for us to realize that the Anniversaries which we commemorate tonight had their setting in a century which has vanished. Since 1914, it has been apparent to historians, economists, and many others, that profound changes in the economic and social structures of the entire world were taking place. The first great war, which began as a world-wide war, ended as a world-wide revolution, and this did not mean a short interruption of the normal development of affairs, as were previous wars, but marked the beginning of an entirely new social and economic epoch. Standing as we do in 1964, we recognize that an old epoch has passed away, and that any attempt to return to the past is both absurd and futile. The characteristics of the new age in which the W.M.S. is now called to labour has little resemblance to the world of 1864, or of 1914.

It would be more comfortable for us if this were not true, for we are now confronted with a whole new set of circumstances. The world has changed more in the past century than in the thousand years before 1864. Some observers in the field of Social Science have asserted that our system of values has changed more in the period just since 1940, than in the previous two centuries. I would emphasize that we are now living in a brand new age of history, and that God is calling us to act now in this new age, and not to pretend that the new age does not exist.

We are now witnessing the dawn of Universal history. The separate history of nations has ended, as all the streams of history blend into one stream. The world is becoming one —geographically, technologically, philosophically. In spite of geographical, economic, political, and other divisions, the world is becoming *one* and we are witnessing the formation of a world civilization for the first time.

The development of atomic energy, the fantastic increase in knowledge, the movement of population from rural to urban centres are among the spectacular changes which are altering man's temporal life on this planet. Nor can we overlook that the white man is no longer regarded as *superior*, as has been the case for the past four centuries. Of all changes, perhaps none is greater than that which has been characterized by the phrase, "The Revolution of Rising Expectations," whereby one and three-quarter billion dispossessed people are no longer content to accept famine, sickness, and illiteracy, as their way of life, but are determined to change.

All of this means that we cannot map our present, or future, course in terms of the true and tried of the past. The past has something to teach us, but only in that we can see that the same spirit of VISION and FAITH and determination to ACT is called for today as in 1864 and 1914. The past belongs to us. We do not belong to the past. Only as we recognize this, and are willing to recognize that it is in the present that God is calling us to live, will we be able to give up the patterns of the past, and find God's will for us today. We live in a time when more is required of us than ever before. Look at our world. What a challenge it presents!

The significance of the increase in population, which is so often referred to, has enormous implications for the Christian Church. With an additional 165,000 people in the world every day, with a new Canada (19,000,000 people) in the world every four months, and with the doubling of world population by the year 2000, we are faced with the challenge of winning an ever increasing number of non-Christians for Christ. At present the Christian Church is growing only one-third as rapidly as is world population, and the percentage of Christians in the world is rapidly diminishing.

The increase in literacy presents us with an opportunity such as the Christian Church never has previously had. UNESCO plans to teach 350 million adults to read in the next five years. Other literacy programmes and the spread of primary education promise to wipe out illiteracy in the forseeable future. What will these millions of new readers read? Will they be provided with the Scriptures in their own tongue, or will we leave it to the Communists, who are now spending one-and-one-half billion dollars a year on Communist literature, to provide them with reading material?

New nations are appearing everywhere; old civilizations are entering upon a new period of nation building. On what foundation will these new nations be built? The Church is called upon today to show a concern for the world, and for the people of the world, and to move out of its present position where it is, to a terrifying degree, concerned with the preservation of its own life. Unless we, who are Christians, minister to the needs of men; alleviate the hunger of their bodies; meet the hunger of their minds and satisfy the hunger of their hearts for love; we tragically fail to fulfil the task that God is calling us to today.

The VISION and the FAITH and the ACTION of our ancestors is needed today. The temptation to retreat into the past must be resisted, for if we do that the world will go merrily on its way, and we will be left sitting on the periphery of life. The greatest peril faced by the Christian Church today is not that it will suffer, but that it will fail; not that it will be persecuted or crushed, but that it will be ignored. There is no doubt in our minds, I am sure, that the Gospel is relevant to the new age in which we live. It is true that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. But it is also true that the world, to which we are called upon to witness, is not the world of the past. It is not the world of 1864 or of 1914, but the world of 1964. To witness to Christ today calls for a Vision, and a Faith, and a Concern, equal to that of those who in 1864 and 1914 witnessed in the situation in which they found themselves.

You may be disappointed that at the time of these Anniversaries I have not dwelt at length on our heritage, our inheritance, our achievements and our success. Pleasant as it is to dwell on these things, I do not believe it is a worthy way to celebrate. Rather I would remind you that what really matters is, if in God's view, we have really been successsful. What counts with God is the nature of our commitment to Him. Therefore I would ask you if the Women's Missionary Society's commitment to God over the past century, and over the past 50 years, has been such that we can pass God's examination. The test we must put to ourselves is not the sum total of our accomplishments but the degree to which we have been obedient. Whether we have achieved something or not, is wholly God's affair.

In celebrating these two Anniversaries the Women's Missionary Society is passing two significant milestones. It would be well for us to remember the original purpose of the milestones that were set up along the famous Roman roads of the ancient world. Those milestones were placed, not for people to sit on, and not as places to stop and rest, but that the traveller might know how far he had come, and how far he had yet to go. So, these milestones we pass, as we mark these anniversaries, should be used not as a stopping place but as a reminder of where we are in our history, and of how far we have yet to go to fulfil our purpose to win the world for Christ.

God is calling the Women's Missionary Society to follow him into the new age that God has called into being. He is calling us to witness to Him with *vision*. He is calling us to witness to Him with *faith*. We do not need to worry about what the world is coming to, for we know Who has come to the world. He is calling us to witness to Him with *concerned action,* for at the last we will be called upon to answer the questions of which we have an account in the 25th Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. "I was hungry; did you feed me? I was thirsty; did you give me drink? I was a stranger; did you help me? I was naked; did you clothe me? I was sick and in prison; did you visit me? In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me."

Our inheritance can certainly give us inspiration for tomorrow. But our trust dare not be in our inheritance, but in God alone. We can profit by marking the bulwarks of the past. But only as we interpret these in terms of the living situation of the present can we rejoice in the songs of Zion and sing:

"Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments. Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death" (Psalm 48 verses 11-14).

PRAYER

by (MRS. G. W.) WILHELMINA BRADLEY

Hospital Visitor, Winnipeg, Man.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we humbly acknowledge and thank Thee for Thy divine presence within us, for Thy daily guidance, and for Thy promise — "I will never leave nor forsake thee." Too often we attempt to perform duties in our own strength, and in so doing we fail to do our best for Thee. May we truly desire less of self and more of Thee.

Grant us, O Lord, an inward happiness, and a serenity that comes from living close to Thee. Daily renew in us the sense of joy, and let the eternal spirit of the Father dwell in us, so that with courage we may meet all ills, giving Thee thanks for all things.

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations to dwell upon the earth, break down, we beseech Thee, all that divides us from one another, that the bonds of fellowship and mutual service may unite the East and the West, the North and the South; that we may live in peace and harmony together, in honour preferring one another, to the glory of Thy great name.

Our Father, who, in the gift of Thine only Son, has encouraged struggling mankind, grant that employees may be wisely guided into a greater vision of usefulness, and employers of labor may fashion their dealings according to justice and love.

We confess that we have at times been indifferent, or even perverse, neglecting opportunities to witness, and to serve in Thy name. Forgive us Father, and guide us into paths of devotion and service.

We pray for the young people, the youth, and the children of the Church. May they feel Thy hand upon their lives, strengthening them in habits of pure-heartedness, and guiding their footsteps into paths of right. Wilt Thou bless and guide all leaders and teachers, as they seek to instruct and train those with whom they work. May they, and we, realize that without Thee we can do nothing.

Father, wilt Thou bestow Thy blessing upon the aged and infirm, and lay Thy healing hand upon Thy sick and suffering children. May they be conscious of Thy divine presence, and may their prayer, even when they cannot see the future, be "Thy will be done."

We commend to Thy loving care our workers at home and abroad. Sustain them in times of loneliness and discouragement, and fill their hearts with love and joy, as they seek to have a part in fulfilling Thy command — "go into all the world and preach the gospel". These prayers we offer in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRESENTATION

From the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Montreal

by THE REV. PAUL S. CHAN

AS AN EXPRESSION of deep gratitude to the Women's Missionary Society, the Chinese Presbyterian congregation presented a Chinese banner with the inscription "Love Knows No Boundaries" (OY MO YUEN NAY) to President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, by the W.M.S. Auxiliary Honorary President, Mrs. James S. Lee. At a dinner at the conclusion of the 100th Anniversary Celebrations, the minister, Rev. Paul S. Chan, expressed the appreciation of the Chinese people for the long years of understanding and encouragement given by the W.M.S. to bring the Gospel to the Chinese people, through financial support and Christian interest.

In times past the message of God's love was hesitantly accepted, and signs of progress were few.

In these days, though, God is pouring out His blessing upon our work in a new way, and more and more people are taking their stand for Christ and His Church. At this time of God's harvesting, we humbly thank Him for calling us unto Himself, and for giving to us such Godly supporters as the women of the W.M.S. Love indeed has no boundaries in the labour for the Kingdom of the Lord.

Rev. Paul Chan; Mrs. A. S. Curr; Mrs. James Lee

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Montreal and Ottawa	4,559	15,422.70	16,912.57
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GLEANINGS FROM A PORT WORKER

by MISS DOROTHY LUKES

FROM TIME TO TIME, someone asks me what good we do at port, and if there is any real value in it. Is this work really necessary? Whenever anyone asks me this I think of a Scottish lady I met. "I was over thirty when I came," she said. "I was completely happy on the ship, but the moment I left the ship I felt lost." She had no job, but she knew she had a room at the Y. When she got there, she was distressed to learn they had not been able to keep a room for her, because of the uncertainty of the ship's arrival, but they kindly told her of a nearby tourist home where she could get a room. "When I went into the room," she said, "I sat down on the bed and cried and cried, because I felt so lost."

This, then, is why we are at port—to extend a warm welcome to the newcomers. We realize how hard it can be to face a new life amongst a strange people in a strange land. Thus, it is with understanding that we extend the right hand of fellowship to the newcomers, and help them with their immediate problems — luggage, customs, railway, interpreting where necessary (making good use of my High School French and German), suggesting where to stay, or helping with any one of the many other problems that arise at port.

Just a short time ago, I saw a Presbyterian immigrant who was busy with his baggage. I said "Hello" on behalf of the Church, and then asked if he had found all his luggage. As he had, I told him the procedures to follow to pass customs, check his bags, and get the bus to the station. He thanked me for this information, after which I left him in order to help others. Later, at the railway station, I met him again. He stopped me and apologized for being so involved with his luggage at the port. I assured him that we well understood his situation and that this was why we were there — to help in any way possible. He again thanked me for the welcome and the help I had given. He had appreciated it. Sometimes the help given is very little, as in this case, or where it is just a word or two to ease a person's fears about getting through customs and safely to the station. At other times it is a bit more.

At one ship, I met an older lady who was quite confused. Another passenger had asked me to help. We cleared customs quickly, as she had only one small bag with her. She said she was waiting for friends, and so I left her waiting on a bench. Just before I left the ship I found her still waiting, and so suggested she take the train right away. She was happy to do this, but was so confused she wasn't quite sure of her destination. A quick look at her passport and the ship's index cleared this up, and so we hurried to the station where I bought her ticket, (she only had one pound and a few shillings left) and arranged that the railway would see that she arrived safely, and would find her family for her. Before she left, she told me that as soon as she had met me she knew she was going to be all right. She was very grateful for my help. Her family, too, was grateful, and wrote to thank me, and to return the money for the ticket.

We do our best to help, no matter what the problem is. Is this help given to anyone but Presbyterians? Indeed, yes! We try to meet as many Presbyterian immigrants as possible, but if we meet someone else who needs us, we will do everything we can to help them.

I remember helping a lady at the Polish ship. She could not speak German, nor could I speak Polish, but I knew she was looking for something that was lost. I pointed to a suitcase, a bundle, and a trunk, until I found out what was missing. Then with my hands I asked how big or small it was. She showed me. Next I learned her name, and started looking. Little tricks of the trade helped in the search — look for a W under M, a C under G; look under her first name; then look from A to Z!

I found the lady's bag and brought it to her. She was so happy that she thanked me and wanted to give me money. I shook my head, and motioned her to put it away. When I was back in her area a short while later, she smiled and again thanked me. Again she dug into her purse, but this time it was for a small medallion from her Church, to show her appreciation for what I had done. Her thoughtfulness was touching, and I really appreciated her kindness in thinking of me in this way. I had done so very little to help, and yet it meant so much to her.

The help we give at port is greatly appreciated. But what means more to the person is the fact that the Church cares enough to come to help them when they need it. When they realize how much the people care, they take heart, and feel that their other problems in the days that lie ahead are not insurmountable. When we tell them that the Ministers and ladies of the nearest Church will come to visit them in their new homes, they are delighted, and look forward to this visit with great pleasure.

But what about their coming to Church? Many Ministers and ladies have told us how warmly they have been received by the newcomers. But then they go on to say that their visits are mostly useless, as very few of the people ever come to Church, even after being visited. Do we visit just to get something in return? Or do we visit to share our friendship, our concern, our faith? We can but do our part. The rest is in other Hands. Is it worth while? Yes, indeed!

Over seven years ago, Miss Hilda Blackwell was the port worker in Montreal. She met a Jewish gentleman as she ate her lunch one day. As they talked, he asked her about her work. When he heard of what she did in the name of Christ and the Church, he said he would like to know more about the Christian faith. Miss Blackwell wrote down his name and address, and had the Gospels and Christian literature in the Hebrew language, sent to him. Seven long years later, in the Spring of this year, this gentleman made his profession of faith in Christ. Miss Blackwell did not ask if what she did was worth the trouble. She just helped to plant the seed. Others cared for it well, and now it has borne fruit.

At the ships, we try to do what we can to help, doing it in the name of Christ and on your behalf. When the newcomer arrives in your area, we turn the task over to you, that you might extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ and on behalf of your Church. Remember how alone and lonely the Scottish lady felt, and then do what you can to make the newcomer feel welcome and wanted, loved and accepted. The little we do means so much to them. *"Then the king will say to those on his right hand, "You have my Father's blessing*; *come, enter and possess the kingdom that has been ready for you since the world was made. For when I was hungry, you gave me food*; *when thirsty, you gave me drink*; *when I was a stranger you took me into your home, when naked you clothed me*; *when I was ill you came to my help, when in prison you visited me." Then the righteous will reply, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and fed you, or thirsty and gave you drink, a stranger and took you home, or naked and clothed you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and come to visit you?" And the king will answer, "I tell you this:—anything you did for one of my brothers here, however, humble, you did for me."* (*Matthew* 25:34-40 *New English Bible.*)

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A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Restless, oft I borrow
From the future care.
Teach me that to-morrow
Shall its burden bear.

Let me to my brothers
Turn a face serene,
Sharing thus with others
Peace from the Unseen. (Selected)

"MISSION ON OUR DOORSTEP"

(1964-65 Adult Mission Study)

by MISS MAY NUTT
Assistant in the Adult Department

"MISSION ON OUR DOORSTEP" — a new theme — for a new year — bringing with it a challenge for more complete dedication of the talents of all members of all groups as they share in Christ's mission. The packet for 1964-65 includes a copy of "Call and Response," a History of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.); an introductory statement; and seven programme outlines.

Programme I — *"Let's Look at Ourselves,"* encourages group members to look objectively at themselves, as individuals and group members, in an effort to understand better the purpose of a Christian women's group; their relation to the local congregation, the community, and the world at large. Three of the Programmes are centred around the history of organized women's work in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Programme II — *"Through the Years,"* shows how the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) has grown and developed, organizationally. Programme III — *"Through the Years in Canada,"* should help group members look at the changes in National work over the years; while Programme IV — *"Through the Years Overseas,"* looks at the changes in Overseas work. Both of these Programmes (III and IV) help members examine their attitudes towards the work at home and Overseas; consider what has been accomplished, and what still needs to be done in the light of the present state of the world. These three Programmes should be used at consecutive meetings, to give continuity to the historical picture.

Programme V — *"Put Forth Your Hand"* and Programme VI — *"Today's Concern for Those Who Come and Go,"* are related Programmes, which it would be wise to use in sequence. They are designed to encourage women to look at those in need — of Christian concern — around them. "Put Forth Your Hand" is particularly concerned with the variety of avenues of service open to Christian women, while "Today's Concern For Those Who Come and Go," engages the group in a discussion of their individual and group responsibility for young people who move into communities, including University and Overseas students.

Aware that an Overseas Field, like Nigeria, is also on "our doorstep," Programme VII — *"Concern for a New Nation . . . Nigeria,"* attempts to help women see the situation in which Nigerian Christians live, and how these situations are related to living a Christian life in Canada.

These seven Programmes include many suggested methods for presenting the material, such as: dramatic presentations, tableau, sketches, research and discussion, panels, readings, and Bible study. Other suggestions like time-lines, posters, a family tree, and questionnaires, have also been included to help add colour and interest to the Programmes. In addition, each Programme includes suggestions for hymns, scripture, prayer, and occasionally a meditation, related to the theme of the study. It is important that those preparing the Worship choose carefully and prayerfully the parts they will use.

Groups will need to read through the complete packet — ADAPT and CHANGE, as they seek variety in the Programmes for the year. More suggestions are given than can possibly be used, but those presenting the Programme should keep in mind the specific group they are working with, and also should seek in each Programme to *present a challenge* which will result in *action*.

We trust that each woman, who attends a group that uses this Packet, will gain much from these sessions. However, a large portion of the responsibility for what happens in any group rests on the INDIVIDUAL GROUP MEMBER. If each member prepares herself spiritually for the meeting with prayer and study, and approaches the group meeting with anticipation, enthusiasm, interest, and a desire to learn and participate, much will be accomplished this year.

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Organization Staff News

September brings with it a change of location for one of our Regional Secretaries, Miss Lois Powrie. Since the Autumn of 1961, Miss Lois Powrie has served as Regional Secretary in the Synod and Synodical of Montreal and Ottawa; on September 1, 1964, she will come to the Synod and Synodical of Toronto and Kingston, which has been without a Regional Secretary since the summer of 1963. Miss Powrie has served in various ways since her graduation in 1959 from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School (Ewart College), first, as a Congregational Deaconess in Victoria Presbyterian Church, Toronto, then as Girls' Work Secretary for the Toronto Religious Education Council, and, prior to coming on the staff of Regional Secretaries, as a staff secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Peterborough.

The Anniversaries Packet!

Ready Now!

The Anniversaries' Packet has been prepared, and is now ready for you to order from the Publications Department, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1, Ont.

This contains Miss Kennedy's three Theme Addresses; Miss Reith's three Services of Worship; the Rev. Dr. McMillan's Address; the Script of the Dramatic Presentation, "In Christ's World"; and the Panel, "Christ Confronts the World Today", which includes the Closing Service of Worship. Price—Fifty Cents.

REPORT of the WORLD DAY of PRAYER

by MRS. J. L. VIOLA HALPENNY

Corresponding Secretary, Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

INCREASED ATTENDANCE and larger offerings is the encouraging news gleaned from Reports, received from across Canada, on the World Day of Prayer. 275,046 copies of the Service were mailed from the Office, and $71,998 received in remittances. Faithful volunteers manned the office five days a week for ten weeks. These Reports included many favourable comments on this year's Service, and stressed that preparation was an important element in a successful Service. Rehearsals were often held; copies of the Service were distributed well ahead of time, especially to Shut-Ins and Institutions; and advance publicity was widely used.

A suburban Community emphasized the world-wide significance, with Nationals in costume; small Communities in the North overcame difficulties by combining their efforts. In several Communities, women from the Roman Catholic Church shared in observances; sometimes using our Service in their own Groups; sometimes sending an offering to our gathering. The number of races and denominations continues to increase, especially in the West, where ten or twelve denominations were reported. There were many enthusiastic comments about the participation of younger folk. Often they "sponsor" the service; supply the music; act as ushers; or man the nurseries to allow young Mothers to attend. One C.G.I.T. Group travelled 60 miles.

Committees arranged for Services in Institutions, such as Homes for Unmarried Mothers; a Girls' Reformatory; a Prison Farm; Hospitals, Senior Citizens, and Nursing Homes. Representatives from Community Organizations; Women's Institute; Fraternal Lodges, and Red Cross, were invited to share in leadership. Following the Service in one Senior Citizens' Home, the residents requested a weekly religious Service, and now Ministers take turns in conducting such a Service—the only occasion when the local Churches work together.

The Publicity Committee of the Women's Inter-Church Council, was invited by the B.B.C. to prepare a script for the Programme "Lift Up Your Hearts," giving local colour, and something of the impact of the World Day of Prayer in Canada. Miss Nancy Edwards, of the Berkeley Studio, described personal experiences in *Newfoundland,* and the work of Council. After the Broadcast, we received letters from *Britain* and *Ireland,* expressing pleasure, interest, and seeking information as to how we enlisted women in our Communities. One letter included a one-pound note toward the offering — "as if I had been there."

In many Communities, the relationship established through the World Day of Prayer is continued through such Projects as Prayer Groups; arranging with High Schools for counselling on Christian vocations; hospitality to Overseas students; support of the Annual Week of Prayer; helping residents in Senior Citizen Homes, and Day Centres; Sales of Work to aid the less fortunate; even informal Coffee Parties. From a village in Eastern Canada comes this comment — "We have used your World Day of Prayer Services for 34 years. They are wonderful, helpful, and inspiring." Another correspondent wrote—"This was the first attempt to hold any type of interdenominational service in our Community." Such reports indicate how the World Day of Prayer is furthering ecumenicity.

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ARE YOU ONE OF THESE ?

Someone has said that membership in every organization is made up of four kinds of bones!

1. There are the *Wishbones,* who spend all their time wishing somebody else would do the work.
2. There are the *Jawbones,* who do all the talking — but very little else.
3. There are the *Knucklebones,* who knock everything that everybody else tries to do.
4. Finally, there are the *Backbones,* who get under the load, and do the work!

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

THE DRUMS OF UBURU

by the REV. R. M. RANSOM, Th.B.
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ALL NIGHT LONG the drums of Uburu beat out their incessant rhythm, rising and falling in seemingly endless waves of frenzied intensity. They move the modern mind to its very depths, because they speak from the very depths of Nigerian culture.

The drums of Uburu gave me my first insight into the very soul of Nigeria. I had seen the sophistication of the capital city of Lagos; the high aspirations symbolized in the new University of Nigeria at Nsukka; the industrialization of a great city like Port Harcourt; the calibre of Nigerian leadership in places of government at Enugu; and, everywhere, the real achievements made in the brief years since Independence. But, in Uburu, I found the Nigerian who is still close to nature, sometimes worshipping it, often still caught in its spell; his life still largely controlled by customs and taboos, dating back to the very beginnings of his race; still moved by tribal loyalties, which run deeper than those of political party or nation.

The drums of Uburu speak of a people who have achieved a real sense of community with nature, and with their fellow tribesmen, of men who are brave fighters and shrewd traders. Above all, the drums of Uburu speak of a people vibrant with rhythm, full of spontaneity, forthright and dynamic, and fired with energy and exuberant vitality. The drums of Uburu are the symbol of the creative tension which exists between the new Nigeria and the old. They are the symbol of a people rejoicing in independence at last; exuberant about their achievements to date; optimistic about their future. They are the symbol of the basic humanity on which social and economic development will be built, and which is struggling to express itself in terms of a modern state.

The drums of Uburu helped me to realize that the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria is basically a small, rural church, deeply imbedded in the conservatism and traditionalism of the rural communities of Eastern Nigeria. This is not a bad base for any Church, as long as it gets beyond it. This is what the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria is now doing. With its new sense of responsibility to the nation, it is tackling problems of Christian discipleship, Christian stewardship, and Christian citizenship, at the very deepest levels. With its new breadth of vision and wider outlook, it is expanding into some of the key cities of the Nation, and seeking to make a relevant witness in these urban centres.

To wit, Port Harcourt, largest city in the Eastern region, surveyed by a team, to find out how the Church can meet the needs of this growing industrialized area. As a result, a three-pronged plan has been drawn-up to serve the varied needs of the community:—(1) a Seamen's Centre to cope with the problems gathered around the harbour district; (2) an Industrial Evangelism Centre to study problems of industrialization, to train workers for this type of service; (3) a Social Welfare Centre in the over-crowded, under-privileged, disease-ridden, unemployment-filled section of this sprawling city. The approach to this has been ecumenical, with several denominations sharing the total programme of Christian witness and service. The Presbyterian Church has been asked to provide a Social Worker.

The beginnings of work in the capital city of Lagos, where I met with the nucleus of a congregation, have presented a special challenge to our Canadian Church. We have answered by the appointment of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Johnston, of St. Timothy's Church, Ottawa, to this task. After study and orientation, they expect to arrive in Nigeria about the end of August. The congregation has already been started, by the work of local elders, and carried on for many months by them, with occasional oversight from the Presbytery of Calabar. The Johnstons bring training and experience in building up a new congregation in Ottawa, to apply to a

MacGregor College Chapel, Nigeria

somewhat similar situation in the capital city of Lagos. The work has been planned in consultation with other denominations at work in that city, keeping in mind the eventuality of Church Union in the very near future.

What is the role of the Church in the building of a new Nation? What is its real witness? Can it be satisfied with simply adding to its numbers, and superimposing a veneer of Christianity onto Nigerian culture? Are there not already evidences that basic animistic beliefs, and customs deriving therefrom, are forcing their way up through cracks in the surface? As the Church awakens to its mission to the whole of life, it faces these questions and many more.

One of the great contributions of the Presbyterian Church to the building of the new Nigeria has been the calibre of the elders that it has produced, who are the very backbone of the Church, and often of the community. This has made for a Church that is tough and enduring in quality. Its elders are leaders in many walks of life, and some are rendering outstanding service at the local, regional and national level. One of the weak spots of the Church's life has been the lack of provision for an adequately trained Ministry. This is seen as one of the major points of need of the Nigerian Church today. Steps are being taken to rectify this. The Scholarship Programme of Synod assists students to obtain further education at University, and Theological College, through the Synod's Advanced Training Fund. Likewise, the Scholarship Programme of our General Board of Missions enables especially qualified students to carry on their training in Canada. Rev. Inya Ude, the first of such Scholarship students, obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Toronto last spring. He has been admitted to study for the B.D. degree at Knox College, and, thus equipped, he hopes to return to Nigeria for service in the Nigerian Church. Another student is Mr. Ogbu Kalu, from Ohafia, who is in his first year Arts at the University of Toronto, looking forward to the Ministry.

The occasion of my visit was the dedication of Macgregor College Chapel, the gift of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. Sleek and shining, it stands in the middle of the campus at Macgregor Teachers' College as a symbol of the friendship between our Churches, and of the hope for training sound Christian teachers from this College to go out as witnesses to all parts of Eastern Nigeria. This Chapel, designed by Toronto Architect Norman McMurrich, and yet thoroughly African in form and spirit, is a visible token of the happy partnership which exists between this keen young Church, and our own Canadian Church. Here, too, is a creative tension at work in the cause of Christ's Kingdom. I was deeply impressed by the calibre of the Nigerian Christians. I was impressed, also, by the calibre of our Canadian Missionaries, their rare combination of youthfulness and maturity, and the variety of callings which they represent:—an architect, pharmacists, school teachers, ordained Ministers, an administrator, a doctor, nurses, deaconesses, and a youth worker. Thus varied are the gifts of the Spirit, but it is one Spirit who leads them and one Mission in which they are engaged.

If the power of the Gospel can be released in this great new Nation of Africa, the drums of Uburu may yet tell out the good news of the unsearchable riches of Christ, who is Lord of all.

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THE BESSIE MacMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

As of June 23rd, 1964 contributions toward the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund totalled $7,674.61. We expect with the next issue of Glad Tidings to give you news of Miss Sushila Patras' arrival in Canada.

Further contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) the Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

TRUE REST!

Rest is not quitting
The busy career;
Rest is the fitting
Of self to one's sphere.

'Tis the brook's motion
Clear without strife,
Fleeting to ocean,
After this life.

'Tis loving and serving,
The highest and best;
'Tis onward, unswerving,
And this is true rest.

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, 1749-1832

Services of Worship

AT THE ANNIVERSARIES' CELEBRATIONS IN MONTREAL

Led by LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

Service of Worship II — The Challenge

Call to Worship

"Spirit of God, that moved of old
Upon the water's darkened face,
Come, when our faithless hearts are cold
And stir them with an inward grace." (Book of Praise—#269.)

Indian Young People's Choir—"O Worship the King"

Prayer—We come to Thee, our Father, asking Thy blessing on these hours together in these days.

Grant that as we think of what has been done and is being done by Thy servants throughout the world, we may be challenged anew by Thy Word.

Help us to hear Thy Word, as it comes to us in this year—1964; to know it is as relevant to us, in this day, as it was to those women who heard, and listened, and responded to it 100 years ago. Challenge us anew, Our Father, and may we respond as Thou wouldst have us respond in this day. Amen.

Scripture Readings and Meditation

In the Gospel according to St. John (John 1:10-12) "As many as received him—to them gave he power **to become** the sons of God." We **must** come on **His** terms (Luke 9:23-26) "let him deny himself and take up his cross **daily."**

—"whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words—of him shall the Son of man be ashamed."

Are we ever ashamed—to stand up and be counted as followers of Christ?

We **must** come on **His** terms — Luke 14:25-26-27

Matt. 22:11-14 — A wedding guest without a wedding garment. It was required that certain garments, provided by the host, be worn by a wedding guest—only the host, the King, recognized his guest was not wearing the garment he should be. Only Christ, the King, recognizes when a person tries to come on his own merits—rather than in the righteousness given him by Christ.

Are we ready to accept Christ's terms?

Prayer—Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us and know our thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Hymn—Book of Praise #559 — verses 1-5

Prayer—The Lord's Prayer (with responses as follows)
Leader: "Our Father Which art in Heaven"

Congregation: Help us, our Heavenly Father, to realize the wonder of Thy Love which permits us to call Thee Father.

Leader: "Hallowed be Thy Name"

Congregation: As we come to Thee, as children to a father, keep us ever mindful that Thou art the high and holy, omnipotent God, and may we, holding that Name in reverence, ever hallow it by word and in deed.

Leader: "Thy Kingdom Come"

Congregation: Make us realize, our Father God, that by praying these three words we commit ourselves to work and witness as worthy messengers of the King of kings.

Leader: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

Congregation: Guide our thoughts and our actions that we may do Thy will and lead others in Thy Way.

Leader: "Give us this day our daily bread."

Congregation: Help us to see the needs of the world family, and to desire to share our plenty with those who are in want, wherever they may be.

Leader: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

Congregation: Give us clear minds and understanding hearts to see behind seeming wrongs, the reasons for them. Give us the will to understand —that, understanding, we may forgive, as we expect that Thou in Thine infinite mercy will forgive us.

Leader: "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

Congregation: Help us to face the problems of life with courage, and to be strong in our witness for the right.

Leader: "For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory forever."

Congregation: May we know, as never before, that Thine is the Kingdom, and that all who trust in Thee will be given strength to undertake the service Thou dost ask of them. Amen.

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In Remembrance

Name	*Church*	*Presbyterial*
Mrs. Wm. (Isabella) Shaw	St. Giles, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Scott Bovair	St. Andrew's Aurora	East Toronto
Mrs. Roy Byers	St. Andrew's, Whitby	East Toronto
Mrs. C. R. Yates	Queen East, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. R. G. Morrison	Presbyterian, Aldershot	Hamilton
Miss Ida Ferris	St. Andrew's, Lindsay	Lindsay
Mrs. Christena Lewis	Presbyterian, Glencoe	London
Mrs. F. M. Powell	Knox, St. Catharines	Niagara
Mrs. Robert Good (Rev.)	Erskine, Ottawa	Ottawa
Mrs. Charles Barth	St. Andrew's, Moorefield	Saugeen
Mrs. Earle P. Fox	Mount Pleasant, Vancouver	Westminster

"IT IS DIFFERENT NOW!"

by MISS KATHLEEN MOODY

(Miss Moody, a Missionary of the Presbyterian Church in England, who has for some time been working closely with our own Missionary, Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., in Taiwan, and is now home on furlough, gave the following Address when she attended a Meeting of Council Executive, with Miss Taylor, before returning to England. She has kindly given us permission to publish her Address, in The Glad Tidings, so that all our readers may share in the interest and enjoyment of those who were privileged to hear her in person.)

It gives me very great pleasure to be here this evening. England and Canada have long been bound together by ties of family and friendship, and, as you know, in Formosa, Missionaries from the Presbyterian Churches in England and Canada work together as one in the Church. Tonight, I feel that I speak to you, not as a stranger, or even as a guest, but as a colleague, and as a member of your fellowship. I bring to you the greetings of the Church in Formosa. You are always with us in our thoughts, and in our prayers, and there is a deep bond of loyalty and affection between the Church in Formosa and in Canada.

I have been asked to speak briefly of the Church in Formosa. There are many things I might tell you — on the one hand, of success; of the development and expansion of the Church; of the work in the Mountains; of the opportunities among young people. On the other hand, of difficulties —political, economic, and religious. But these things, I think you already know, and so, I am going to speak of the relationship of the Churches in England and Canada to the Formosan Church, and of the new work which is opening to us all.

Some weeks ago, a colleague in Formosa preached in our College Chapel on the words, "It is different now." The words are those of Jesus himself (in the modern translation), words He spoke to His disciples just before His arrest and crucifixion. He was trying to tell them that life was changing; the old close-knit fellowship would be broken, and they, themselves, scattered. And Jesus, in His physical body, would be no longer with them. And it seemed to me that these words applied very accurately to the situation of the Church. "It *is* different now."

First, the relationship of Missionary and Church is different. One hundred years ago, with great faith and courage, the pioneers went out to teach and heal, and preach. They went to a people who, in some ways, were backward; whose countries were undeveloped; a people who had never heard the name of Christ. The Christian West went out to help the non-Christian East, but this is no longer so. Today, there is a Church in Asia; a Church strong and vigorous; a Church able and willing to minister to her own people. What does this mean for us?

It means learning a new relationship; learning to work together, sharing ideas and plans. It means a deeper understanding — a willingness to see that God is acting and speaking in Asia; that, even if at times the Asian Churches seem to take risks, to move ahead too fast, this, too, is the working of the Spirit. It means giving up the comfortable feeling we sometimes have, of a richer nation helping a poorer. It means a new respect for one another; it means accepting the leadership and direction of Asian Christians. When I have said this in England, immediately someone has asked, "If Formosa is so strong, why send Missionaries there?" My answer to this is that, if we believe in the world Church, we must share with the Churches in other lands.

And this is a tremendous privilege — a gift from God to our generation. Our forebears went because they were sent; we go because we are invited. In this day, when nationalism is so strong; when white faces and white attitudes are resented and rejected, surely it should be our joy that, within the Church, the barriers are broken down, and that East and West, white and brown, work together as one. It will take us time to learn this. We shall need patience and humility to find our new relationship, but if we do, in God's grace, find it, then the Church can enter into a new freedom, and a more true obedience to her Lord.

But, for the Church in Asia, as for the Church here, "it is different now." The old ways are breaking down, former patterns of work and worship are no longer sufficient. The Church in Formosa has seen this, and is already making plans, and acting. We are already training men and women, not only to be Ministers and Deaconesses, but to go out to work beyond the boundaries of the Church. A recent graduate of the Tainan Theological College has opened a Chemist's Shop, in the busy market-place. He works all day as a shop-keeper, mixing and selling medicines — he had training in pharmacy before entering the College — but he is willing to take time to talk with those who come to buy, and to make his Christian witness there.

Another Graduate is working in Hospital, visiting and talking with the patients, seeing relatives, doing whatever needs to be done. He has, in this way, built up a relationship of friendship and trust, and he has done amazing work in the rehabilitation of would-be suicide cases. The women students, for their practical work, go out to the newly-built factories, and we hope that, after graduation, they may be appointed as wardens in factory Hostels. Others will go to prisons, to reform schools, wherever they are needed, but the Christian work for which they are trained will not be done in a Church.

Yes — it *is* different — and we have to be constantly alert to follow God's leading. But one thing is *not* different. It *is,* and always *will* be, the same — the command of God to go to all Nations. The times are different, the work is different but the Call is the same.

You are now entering the Second Century of the work of your Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), as we in Formosa enter the Second Century of our Church. May we, together, go forward in obedience; ready for change; willing to accept whatever sacrifice this may involve, but certain that God is leading, and that whatever He wills is right.

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A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION!

AS A PART of the Sixtieth Anniversary Observance of the Canadian Bible Society, a specially inscribed copy of the King James Version of the Holy Bible was presented to the Ontario Legislature, at a Ceremony held in the Speaker's Office, Queen's Park, Toronto. The Presentation Bible was accepted by the Honorable John P. Robarts, Q.C., Prime Minister of Ontario.

The Very Reverend John McNab, M.A., B.D., D.D., Past Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who made the presentation on behalf of the Canadian Bible Society, outlined briefly the work of the Society, in Canada and Abroad, since the early years of the nineteenth century, and since its incorporation as a National Society, sixty years ago this year.

In accepting, Premier Robarts paid tribute to the work of the Society, and its significance in the development of Ontario, and stated that this copy of the Holy Scripture would be kept available for official use in the Provincial Legislature. Shortly after 2 P.M., when the Legislature convened, special mention of the Presentation was made by the Speaker, and the Bible was passed to all the members for inspection.

Present at the Presentation Ceremony were the Hon. Donald C. MacDonald, (York South), Leader of the New Democratic Party; and Mr. Roderick Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the Legislature.

The Canadian Bible Society, which is affiliated with The British and Foreign Bible Society, and a score of Societies in other countries, is engaged in Bible translation, printing and distribution, particularly for the benefit of people in the emerging Nations of Africa and Asia.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE NATION AND THE KINGDOM By Charles W. Forman

This is one of the excellent Resource Books which are being recommended for reading with the Adult Studies, and which, aside from their general interest and worth-while information on the mission of the Church in today's world, help to make more understandable the deep sense of liberation, and the tremendous experience, which is filling the lives of Christians in Asia and Africa. "If we would truly love our nation, and faithfully seek the Kingdom of God, it behooves us to pay attention to the experiences of these Christians in the new nations," says the Author. "They are making a more positive judgement on the nation. For them, it is more natural to see the place of the nation in the purpose of God. They have something to teach, as well as to learn. They can show us the other side of the dual attitude, which has been lost by many thoughtful Christians in the West. They can do much to redeem for us our life in the nation, and the whole sense of nationality."

Throughout the eight factual and thought-arousing Chapters of this most worth-while book runs the question which is very much in the minds of all serious Christians in both the West and the East—"What happens in the life and thought of their Churches, as African and Asian Christians experience the drive for nationhood?" There are many questions arising and many angles to be considered, and Dr. Forman thoughtfully presents these, as his long training and experience well qualify him to do. He was born in India, and, as a Missionary of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., served in India during the years of transition, which resulted in India's independence. More recently, on a Study Mission, he spent some time in most of the new nations of the world. He has personally felt the pulse of the experiences of the Christian Churches overseas and the surge of rising nationhood. Since 1953, Dr. Forman has been James Professor of Missions at Yale University Divinity School. Price—$1.75, paper.

LOOK UP FREE By Lee Ranck

From the very first word to the last word of the last paragraph, this book, written primarily for the Junior High Age, held my enthralled attention, and enjoyment, though I am far removed from that happy age of Junior High! It will do the same for all readers, regardless of age, but especially for those who are using the Study Packets, and those who are truly interested in the peoples of the many emerging nations, their backgrounds of thought and heritage, and their vision and longings for the future, both of themselves, and of their people.

It is the story of six young people, each from one of the different New Nations of the World; students who are gathered together in Washington for a three-day Conference before they go out across North America to study. There are two Buddhists, from Laos and Cambodia; four from Africa — Nigeria, Guinea, Southern Rhodesia, Ghana — and of these two are Christian; one is Muslim; the other has turned against the Christian Church, because she sees too many Christians who preach one thing and practice another. As they talk together, candidly and without repression, we hear religion discussed; find out how they feel about the misconceptions so many of the West have about their people; learn about their various countries, and also their thoughts on many subjects — nationalism; communism; democracy; education; even foreign aid, and the Peace Corps. It is all most enlightening and interesting, and the wealth of authentic information about these new Nations, their people, their political and religious difference, makes it of real value, both to students and readers of every kind. The Author, who is managing Editor of "Church and Home", is a journalist with a strong feeling of Christian social concern, and his four years of Naval duty gave him a broad insight into the lives of people in Cuba, Italy, Japan, Korea, Ceylon, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. Price—$1.75, paper.

24 HOURS TO LIVE By the Rev. Dr. Minton C. Johnston

All of us have that, don't we? Twenty-Four Hours to Live — in every day! How *do* we live them — how do we accept and think about them? Dr. Johnston, who writes these 21 thought-provoking Chapters on this subject, is a Canadian Author, the Minister of Thornhill Baptist Church, near Toronto, and is well known for his broadcasts on the CBC Radio Programme, "Lift Up Your Hearts," and for his writings, as well as for his pulpit ministry. He says, "To me, there are three things which make a *life*, as opposed to an *existence:* — a Leader worth following; a task worth doing; and a meaning and purpose to life itself!" In these chapters of his new book, he discusses the most helpful approach to the problems of "Anxiety, Selfishness, Doubt, Guidance," and the many other perplexities which come into our daily lives with stress and worry. A very good and helpful book — Price $2.50.

Your Prayers are asked

— For all members of the National Staff, serving throughout the seven Synodicals of the W.M.S. (W.D.) May they begin this Autumn season refreshed from vacation time, ready and prepared to give of their best in interesting all whom they serve in a new "Obedience to Christ's Love."

— For all children and young people as they return to the routine of school classes and church groups, that, with renewed interest and enthusiasm they may learn of Thee and Thy love for Thy world.

— For all teachers and leaders that, renewed in body, mind, and spirit, they may give of themselves and their knowledge to Christ's service.

— For the work of the Church in Nigeria. Pray that as the Church looks to the future it may be given a vision, and the understanding to give leadership in this new nation.

— Pray for the missionaries in the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. We think particularly of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) staff there — Miss Agnes Gollan, Miss Dorothy Bulner, Miss Elsie Taylor, Miss Anne Howson and Miss Shirley Dredge.

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SPECIAL TO GLAD TIDINGS SECRETARIES!

Now Is The Time To Begin!
Make September—"Introduction Month!"
Introduce "The Glad Tidings" to new Readers;
Introduce the thought of it as a Christmas Gift!
September is a month of "Showers"—

How about a Shower of New Subscriptions
At your next meeting?

Let's make 1965 a Banner Year for The Glad Tidings!

Begin to do it **NOW!**

LIFE'S ROAD MAP—THE BIBLE

by RUTH M. LOW

ADVENTURE CALLS TO YOUTH! Always young people are seeking a new way, a gesture of independence. You want to show that you are individuals with capacity to choose, to dare, to endure — the true spirit of pioneering. The world needs more of this, provided the right spirit is there.

Never before has life offered two such distinct goals — God or chaos; fullness of life for all, or mass suicide. *Each person must decide.* In our world of push buttons, electric eyes, and the like, this is deeply significant. You and I are still the most important things on earth.

Teenagers today could turn the world upside down. If *you* and *you* and *you* put God and His will in the centre of your life, His plan will be made clear in your daily contact with Him. A surprising number of miracles are happening these days; why not to you? — the world needs many more. Almost every Bible Society publication tells of this awakening, or changing, of people, as they search the Scriptures earnestly and regularly.

Within the pages of the Bible, walk, dance, sing, pray, plead, the people of earlier times with strangely modern hopes, fears, yes — even modern sins. The Bible speaks to the hearts of *all* people of *all* ages. It is forever "in style;" it always has the answer. But it must be studied with even more dedication than one gives a favourite book, sport, or hobby. Yet in these days of the "lucky draw" idea, how many of us actually realize how much personal discipline is needed for such a study?

Fortunately, the teens have a real understanding of preparation for contests. You know, and accept, the need for disciplined training by Olympic Game aspirants. You see the need for strict preparation; you glory in possible gains! Transfer this, then, to making ready for the moral and spiritual struggles, to which Paul refers when he speaks of "the race," "wrestle," and "the good fight."

We all, young and old, tend to forget that no one achieves excellence without discipline. For instance, we take off for a holiday, and seldom darken a church door. Very likely our Bible is at home gathering dust. Yet we say we are getting refreshed for the next demanding task. How can this be so? Are we not ignoring the very power of the Creator, who gives true renewal to both body and spirit? Surely this is a pioneering area, where the native honesty of the teen years can make you leaders even now. You can make the change today!

Adopt the moral health rules of daily Bible reading, meditation, prayer, and re-dedication. Many older people will learn from your commitment. This is the greatest need — to stop long and often to learn what life is, and what God wants for you and the world.

In this connection, the prophet Ezekiel gives us a staggering picture. He shows us how we can, and should, be changed from "dried out bones" to vitally alive people. Read Ezekiel 37, and thrill to the promised resurrection. "Oh," I hear you exclaim, "that was away back in the olden days. Nothing like that happens today!" Many adults might make the same comment. Yet there is an exciting answer to that doubt. It is as modern as ski tows or sports cars.

This answer comes from a score of the most skilled men and women of our time. Among these are Dr. Wilder Penfield of Montreal, a world famous neuro-surgeon, and an acknowledged student of the Bible. He has often testified that only through God's power has he been able to do what he has done.

Then there is Dr. O. Hobart Mowrer, a clinical psychologist who has taught in great American Universities, and professionally has served his government with great distinction. This is a man among men. Yet, eight years ago, his teenage daughter re-introduced him to the Bible, especially the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew. She pointed out that this is a "superb handbook on human relations." Now Dr. Mowrer introduces his patients to God, and to the necessity of following His will. Make note of these points:—a teenager *read, understood and passed it on,* thereby helping an ever increasing number of people.

The modern entertainment field also gives us examples, such as Roy Rogers, and concert pianist Van Cliburn, who know and love God. These men listen to Him, after seeking His will through prayer and Bible study. Their acts often show that "they have walked with Jesus."

God speaks in many ways, and through many channels — in the lives of people, in nature, music, song and story, but especially through His Book. His love and hope for us all are told and re-told many times. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:6) God continually shows the way. "This is the Way, walk ye in it." (Isaiah 30:21) His Word is the road map to health, truth and "abundant life."

Strike out as a pioneer. Head for the goldfields to be found in the Scriptures. Commit yourself to a daily diet of at least fiteen minutes of Bible reading, meditation, and dialogue with God — let Him carry part of the conversation. What kind of a friendship develops where one person does all the talking? Then an added tip from Martin Luther—"When the Holy Spirit speaks, stop what you are doing and write it down." Most of us who try to follow this often find we are more likely to carry out the inspiration. Keep a notebook just for this.

For twenty-five cents or less, you can buy the booklet "One Way for Modern Man" (Phillips' translation of St. John's Gospel, Canadian Bible Society). The American and the British Bible Societies are offering excellently illustrated magazine gospels such as, "The Light of the World" and "The Man in the Street" (both St. Matthew); "Men of Galilee" (St. Mark); "The Good News" and "The Next Step" (both St. Luke). Still another unusual thirty cent value is "Thy Will My Will" by Rolston, Miller and Locke (Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.). The Psalms often join the Gospels as favourites. Any good Bible encyclopedia will give you key points and a general outline. Remember J. B. Phillips' translation, or the New English Bible, can often be more meaningful for any New Testament study.

Possibly some of you may want an even meatier assignment than any of the above. If so, "The Young Church in Action" (The Acts of the Apostles) by J. B. Phillips is the book for you. A Collins Fontana paperback edition is worth buying just for the introduction! The wording is dynamic and vital, and reads like a modern news story. Two other favorites on this level are: "The Upward Call" by H. D. Gray (Abingdon Press), and "Man's Growing Idea of God" by H. N. Sherwood (Bethany Press).

So go *now* to the nearest Bible House, Church Publications Office or Religious Book Centre. Get your material. Then with your chosen Bible study, a notebook, pencil, and a prayer for God's guidance, start your venture. Daily keep this sacred appointment with God, for out of it will come the love, power, and direction, to change you and the world. There is no other way.

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THE BIBLE

I am the Bible; I am God's wonderful Library,
I am always, and above all, the Truth.
To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong, good Staff.
To the one who sits in sorrow, I am a comforting Light.
To those who stoop beneath their load, I am sweet Rest.
To him who has lost his way, I am a safe Guide.
To those who are hurt by Sin, I am a healing Balm.
To the discouraged, I whisper the message of Hope. *(Selected)*

TRIBUTE of REMEMBRANCE

by MRS. J. A. MacINNIS
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WHEN MRS. J. H. EATON DIED recently, in her 81st years, Orillia lost a fine woman to whom many people are indebted. She was President of the Orillia Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Orillia Presbyterian Church in 1928-29, and since then has served her Church, her W.M.S. Auxiliary and Barrie Presbyterial in several Offices—as President, and latterly as Honorary President of Barrie Presbyterial. From 1934 to 1937, she was Welcome and Welfare Secretary of the Provincial Society. In 1937, when the Presbyterial was to observe its 50th Anniversary, Mrs. Eaton researched and wrote the Booklet "History of the Presbyterial," which has been of invaluable help to later Historians of the Presbyterial, as well as to many Auxiliaries. She was also a Past President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical.

For several years, Mrs. Eaton was the able and beloved Leader of a Young Women's Bible Class, which had great influence on the life of the Presbyterian Church of Orillia, and in the lives of the members of that Group. Even when unable to be out, on account of ill health, she continued to write letters and notes of help and encouragement to persons ill or bereaved, or who had done some praiseworthy piece of work, and always encouraged Ministers and others to go forward in the Master's work. Mrs. Eaton for one year wrote a Page for "The Glad Tidings," and in 1959 she contributed the Easter Service of Worship.

Mrs. Eaton was an early graduate of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, an accomplished pianist and organist, who for some years served as Organist of Orillia Presbyterian Church, and her enthusiasm for, and encouragement of young soloists and musicians gave courage to many.

(*Mrs. MacInnis is the wife of the late Very Reverend J. A. MacInnis, B.A., B.D., D.D., for many years the beloved Pastor of Orillia Presbyterian Church, and a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.*)

Boys and Girls!

THE INVITATIONS

by MISS MABEL BOOTH

National Secretary for Children's Work

"MUMMY, MUMMY!" called Mary, running into the kitchen, "I got a letter today."

"What is it about"?, asked her mother.

"I can only read the letters C.O.C." she said. "What's C.O.C.?"

"I got a letter too," said her mother, "and your letter is inviting you to attend the C.O.C. group at the Church."

"Can Billy go too?", asked Mary.

"No," said her mother, "he is only five. C.O.C. is for girls and boys 6 to 8 years. He will enjoy playing with Gerry more than going to C.O.C."

"Hi! Mum," shouted Jimmy, and seeing Mary with a card in her hand continued, "any mail for me?" The family had moved from Sunny Corners during the summer, and Jimmy was always looking for the letters his pals had promised to write.

"Yes," answered Mother, "there is a letter for you, too." Ten-year-old Jimmy read his letter carefully. "It's from the church asking me to go to Explorers. Is that the kind of group Mrs. Morrison was going to start at Sunny Corners? I hope so! It sounded like fun, and then Dad had to decide to move."

"Yes," said mother. "In my letter I am invited to go to the Church too."

"With me?" said Jimmy.

"No, I'm to go in the afternoon to learn about C.O.C. and Explorers, and you go after school. They sent folders to me telling about the two groups for children. The C.O.C. one has the picture of a Church with two children standing inside. The children look like Mary and her friend Johnny, across the street. The big C.O.C. means Children of the Church. It also says that there is a pin for C.O.C. members to wear."

"Explorers have pins too," said Jimmy. "Mrs. Morrison showed us one. She said we'd learn about the circle and the compass when we joined."

"On the Letter to Parents," continued mother, opening up the letter and showing it to Jimmy," is printed the Purpose, Prayer and Motto of Explorers."

"I'll have to work hard to be an Explorer," said Jimmy proudly.

"Don't we have a purpose and all these things too?", said Mary, feeling a little left out.

"No," said mother, "but there are many other wonderful things for you to do at C.O.C., playing games and singing songs, learning about other people, and much more."

"Mrs. Morrison said that we would have a uniform," interjected Jimmy, "Does your letter tell what it is like?"

"The Counsellor sent me a folder about the uniform," said mother. "It says that boys wear a blue shirt with a crest, and the girls have a white blouse."

"Girls!" said Jimmy, "Do girls go to Explorers? What do they know about Exploring?"

"Yes," replied mother, "there are groups for girls, and groups for boys. Sometimes they meet together, and sometimes they meet alone. Girls can explore the Bible, about Thanksgiving, or Christmas, and many other things. Of course, there will be some things that boys will want to Explore that girls won't, and the other way around. I don't think you will mind the girls being there."

"Will we have a uniform in C.O.C.?" piped up Mary, "I want to have a blouse like Helen."

"You will have a scarf to wear when you go to C.O.C." said her mother. "I've seen one, and I think you'll like it."

With that Helen burst into the room. "What's all the conference about? Can I get in on it?"

"We were talking about the mail that came today," said her mother. "It is about C.O.C. and Explorers starting in the Church. There's one letter for you too."

"Explorers!" exclaimed Helen. "The girls were talking about it at Church School last Sunday. They say they have neat fun at it. Can I go?"

"I'm going!" said Jimmy with a grin.

"You! Mother he can't go."

"Yes," replied their mother, "this Explorer group is for boys, as well as girls. Take it easy, you won't see Jimmy too much! In fact some days you won't see him at all. After you get started, you might like talking over things with Jimmy."

"If there are other girls and boys there," replied Helen, giving Jimmy a push, "I guess I can stand it."

"I can't answer all your questions about C.O.C. and Explorers now," said mother, "but after I have gone to the Mother's Meeting on Tuesday afternoon, and you have been to a C.O.C. meeting and an Expedition of the Explorers — Expedition is what an Explorer meeting is called — we can talk about what we've learned."

The family scattered to meet their friends, before they would be called for dinner. Mother was left standing in the middle of the kitchen floor. "I think it is going to be fun!" said mother to herself.

(Note: Have you a C.O.C. and Explorer group in your Church? If not, you may enquire about these groups for children from your Minister, a member of the Women's Missionary Society, or write to the National Children's Work Secretary, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, for the "How to Organize" Packet.)

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — The Rally of this Presbyterial, in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Briercrest,* was well attended by members from *Swift Current*; *Moose Jaw*; *Weyburn*; *Assiniboia*; and *Briercrest.* President, Mrs. C. W. Logan, presided, and Special Guests were Miss Lily Simpson, former missionary to *India*; Miss Margaret Boyd, *Saskatchewan* Regional Secretary, and Miss Jean Smith, Student Deaconess, in *Assiniboia* Presbytery. Roll Call was a two-minute incident which had taken place in each Group. Miss Lily Simpson was Guest Speaker, and in imagination a walk was taken with her along an Indian Road, as she told of the work of an Indian Bible Woman, and the people and scenes she would see in her daily trips. Mrs. S. R. Thompson, Presbyterial Delegate to the Anniversaries' and Annual Council Meetings in *Montreal,* because of illness in her family was unable to be present, but the excellent Reports she had prepared, were read by Miss M. Boyd, and Miss M. Gillies. Typed copies of both were given to all present. The Treasurer reported a splendid response to her appeal for the 1963 Deficit, and it was with great regret that the Announcement was received that our Presbyterial Treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Perry, must now leave us for her new home in *Vancouver*. The best wishes of her many friends go with her. Mrs. D. Cunningham, Literature Secretary had an attractive Book Display, and her interesting Book Review was well enjoyed. At the Luncheon, the Rev. S. Reid Thompson and the Rev. J. R. McKee, spoke and Miss Jean Smith told of summer plans for Camp and D.V.B.S.

The Open Night of the Explorers of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* was in the form of an Indian Festival. On arriving, each of the 65 guests received a flower garland, and the Guests of Honour—the Minister; Session; Church School; and the three W.M.S. Groups—were each presented with an "illuminated" Address. The Children gave a brief résumé of their study of *India,* and displayed a replica of the M. G. Abey Memorial Home, which they had made. Their Mission Offerings were presented during the evening to the Presbyterial Treasurer, and the Special Offering that night was dedicated to the deficit in the General Fund. One of the highlights was the attendance of Mr. and Mrs. Goband Sadarnganey, natives of *India,* who explained many facts and characteristics of Indian life and culture. The main course of the refreshments, served by the children, was an Indian Sweet Snack, made and contributed by Mrs. Sadaranganey. Serviettes containing both the W.M.S. Anniversary Seal and the Explorer Seal were used. The singing of "Jesus Loves Me," in Hindi, and the Benediction, closed this interesting Meeting. Mrs. S. R. Thompson is Counsellor.

The Friendship Circle and the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw*, held a joint Thank-Offering Service.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Lily Simpson was Guest Speaker at the *Saskatoo*n Presbyterial Rally in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *North Battleford*, and told of her work on our Mission Field in *India,* showing slides of the country and its people. Miss Evelyn Murdock, Deaconess, modelled the beautiful sari and jewellery, which were presented to Miss Simpson when her work was finished in *India.* The Rally Theme was "I Have Set Before You An Open Door", and President, Mrs. B. Edwards presided, and reported on the Anniversaries and Annual Council Meetings in *Montreal.* The Rev. C. W. Quinn, *North Battleford,* conducted the Devotional Periods, and Miss Laura Monsees, of *North Battleford*, was Guest Soloist, accompanied by Miss Pat Jowsey. Mrs. Ian MacSween, of *Winnipeg,* was a Special Guest. Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, showed pictures taken at the Anniversaries' Celebrations, and also told of the Prairie Conference on the Christian World Mission, to be held in *Brandon;* the Presbyterian Summer School, held in *Saskatoon,* in July;

and the Camps held at *Christopher Lake Camp*. *North Battleford* W.M.S. Auxiliary members were Hostesses, both at Luncheon and the Tea Hour. Anniversary serviettes, blue tapers, and decorations in gold and blue carried out the Anniversaries' motif.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* honoured Mrs. John McLeod with a gift, as she leaves *Brandon* to make her home in *New Westminster, B.C.* In addition to being a faithful member of this Auxiliary, Mrs. McLeod is a Past President of *Brandon* Presbyterial, and also a Past President of *Manitoba* Synodical. The best wishes of their many friends go with them to their new home.

About sixty-five, including members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, sat down together at the Annual Mother-and-Daughter C.G.I.T. Banquet, served by the C.G.I.T. members and their Leaders, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon.* With Mrs. E. Leeson at the piano, Mrs. O. S. Stapleton and Miss Lorraine Black conducted a Sing-Song. Graduation exercises were held, following the Banquet, for the C.O.C.; the Explorers; and C.G.I.T. Miss Donna Forbes graduated from C.G.I.T. and now becomes Assistant Leader of the Group. Mrs. David Smith, *Brandon* Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary, was Guest Speaker. Miss Carol Ross presided at the Service, and Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, pronounced the Benediction.

At a recent Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Zion Presbyterian Church, *Wellwood,* two faithful members, Mrs. Wm. Suttie and Mrs. M. Renwick, were honoured by their Auxiliary with the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate and Pin to each one.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent Meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* Mrs. Alice Fraser, Life Membership Secretary, presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. A. A. Bott, a faithful and valued member of this Auxiliary for many years. A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary of *Kildonan* Presbyterian Church held a joint meeting with the Home Helpers, in Nisbet Hall, arranged by Miss Isabel McBeth and Mrs. N. McLennan, Home Helpers Secretaries. President, Mrs. Cormack Smith, presided, and Mrs. H. Weston conducted the Devotional Period. The Guest Speaker, Dr. Roy

Ward, of *Nigeria*, was introduced by the Minister of Kildonan Presbyterian Church, the Rev. D. C. Hill, D.D. Now home on furlough, after two-and-a-half years as Staff Doctor in Uburu Hospital, *East Nigeria, Africa,* Dr. Ward is a graduate of the University of *Saskatchewan* Medical School. He told of his work in Leprosy Service in rural and City Hospitals in *Nigeria,* and showed interesting slides, emphasizing the message of Christ's command — "Go ye into all the world."

An Anniversary Cake was presented by President Mrs. Cormack Smith, in celebration of the 73rd Anniversary of the formation of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Kildonan* Presbyterian Church, in 1891; this was cut by Mrs. A. Preston, who has a record of 39 years of membership. The *Kildonan* Church Choir sang. Refreshments were served, following the Meeting.

President, Mrs. A. H. McKay, presided at the 44th Anniversary Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg*, when a large audience heard the Address of Dr. Roy Ward, home on furlough from medical service in *East Nigeria.* The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. G. W. Bradley, and Miss Mary Ann Taylor was Soloist, accompanied by Miss Isobel Andrew. Presbyterial President, Mrs. S.V.A. Gordon, brought Presbyterial greetings; Mrs. Diby Wheeler gave a brief Auxiliary History; prayers were led by Mr. Earl Wanamaker of *Gonor* and *Ashfield* Charges.

The Rev. J. H. Bishop, B.A. St. James Presbyterian Church, introduced Dr. Roy Ward; Mrs. J. W. Elliott expressed the appreciation of the Meeting for Dr. Ward's vivid account of his work, and interesting slides of life in *Eastern Nigeria.* The collection at the Anniversary Meeting will be used for work in *Eastern Nigeria.* Following the Benediction, a Social Hour was enjoyed, when Mrs. R. J. Earl, President of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, asked the Blessing, and Honorary President, Mrs. B. Nash, cut the Anniversary Cake. Pouring tea were Mrs. A. M. McFarlane and Mrs. George Black; Mrs. B. Staveley, Mrs. J. W. Elliott, Mrs. B. Taylor, and Mrs. E. Wanamaker assisted.

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. John Banden, welcomed neighbouring W.M.S. Societies to the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Duart* Presbyterian Church. The Rev. T. Lewis, Minister of the Church, was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. Donald MacInnes, Synodical President, brought greetings. Mrs. Ernest

Koehler and Mrs. Angus Thomson sang a duet.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL —When the Mildred Gehman W.M.S. Auxiliary of Erskine Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton*, celebrated a 15th Anniversary, Mrs. L. W. (Mildred) Gehman, Reg.N., M.A., home on furlough from her work in Vellore Christian Medical College, *South India,* was Guest Speaker, and showed slides of Vellore and her work there. Mrs. C. Waterman, President, presided; the Rev. R. H. Armstrong welcomed guests; Mrs. G. Hughes read an Opening Poem; and Mrs. J. Repchuk was Soloist. Mrs. A. Poole gave the Auxiliary History. An Hour of Social Fellowship followed.

The Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of Erskine Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton*, celebrated a 75th Anniversary, and the Mildred Soutar W.M.S. Auxiliary, of the same Church, joined them to celebrate their 35th Anniversary. These two Groups amalgamated in 1962, and this joint Anniversary Celebration was a memorable occasion, attended by former members, and visitors from other W.M.S. Auxiliaries. President, Mrs. Arthur Hearnes, presided, and Mrs. H. Robbing led the Worship Service. The Rev. R. H. Armstrong brought Session greetings, and Mrs. Whittington presented greetings from *Hamilton* Presbyterial. Mrs. F. Seunarine, of *Trinidad*, was Guest Speaker. Miss May Sellar gave the Historical background of both Groups; Mrs. J. Gartley and Mrs. Allingham, were Soloists. A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Miss Grace Smith, by Mrs. F. A. Beale. At the Social Hour, Mrs. F. C. Binkley and Miss Bessie Brown poured tea, and Mrs. Alex Mercer cut the Birthday Cake.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Clinton,* celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the W.M.S., Mrs. A. Taylor, *Goderich*, was Guest Speaker, and members were present from *Blyth, Hensall*, and *Auburn*. One of the highlights of the Meeting was the presentation to Mrs. Clayton Edwards, of *Goderich,* of an In Memoriam Certificate, in memory of her Father and Mother, the Rev. Dr. D. J. Lane and Mrs. Lane, donated by *Goderich* and *Clinton* W.M.S. Auxiliaries. This was greatly appreciated by Mrs. Edwards.

At the 80th Anniversary Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Goderich,* Mrs. Harold Rivers presided, and the Rev. G. L. Royal was the Speaker. Mrs. Gordon Kaitting was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. O. G. Anderson; Presbyterial greetings were presented by Mrs. W. Bradnock, of *Auburn*; Mrs. Albert Taylor gave the Auxiliary History. Corsages were presented to Miss Lily Macarthur, retired from long W.M.S. service; Past President, Miss E. Somerville, of Huron Presbyterial, who poured tea; Mrs. F. Weir, a member for 50 years, who cut the Anniversary Cake; and, in absentia, to Miss Mary Gordon, a teacher in the Indian Schools from 1912 to 1916. Flowers, placed in the Church on Sunday in memory of late members of the two Auxiliaries, were part of the celebration, with the small Communion Table from the Chapel, dedicated to their memory in 1953, along with a Book of Remembrance, containing the names of all Life Members, Honorary Members, and In Memoriams.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Home Helpers' Meeting of the W.M.S. of St. George's Presbyterian Church, *London,* heard Mrs. E. Howard Kerr, tell of the experiences of herself and her husband in eleven years of Missionary Work in *Argentina.* Mrs. R. Russell Gordon introduced the Speaker, and Mrs. Jeanette McLaren voiced the appreciation of the Meeting for her interesting Address. Following the Dessert Luncheon, Mrs. W. A. McNiven opened the Meeting and Mrs. W. K. McInroy conducted the Devotional Period. Mrs. H. E. Schaef welcomed members and guests, especially the good attendance of Home Helpers. The presentation of a Life Membership Certificate and Pin to Mrs. Christena Keyes, in memory of her Mother, was made, on behalf of the Auxiliary, by Mrs. A. D. Fletcher and Miss Christina MacLean; Mrs. James Thorburn, former member now residing in *Mt. Brydges,* was presented with a gift in recognition of her good work as Social Convener for the W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Ladies Aid. Mrs. R. W. Lawson made this presentation.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Melville Presbyterian Church, *Brussels,* with President, Mrs. Wm. Speir, presiding. Afternoon Devotions were given by Mrs. L. Avery; Mrs. H. Armstrong, and Mrs. C. Steele; Evening Devotions by Mrs. G. Pym, Mrs. C. Daniel, and Mrs. E. Bytheway. An "In Memoriam" Service was conducted by Mrs. L. Knight, of *Cranbrook,* and the Rev. G. L. Royal brought Presbytery greetings. Mrs. T. Thompson was Soloist. Mrs. T. A. Currie, of *Wingham,* introduced the Guest Speaker, Rev. A. MacKay, who, at the Afternoon Session spoke on "Communication of the Gospel in India", and in the evening spoke on "Conversion, Commission, and Commitment", showing interesting slides. The members of *Lucknow* Auxiliary presented the Skit on *Formosa,* as given at the Synodical Meeting.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Group, assisted by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Crowland* Presbyterian Church, conducted a very impressive Easter Service in the Church. Mr. Coomish, of *India*, was Guest Speaker, and the Explorers sang.

A Mother-and-Daughter Banquet preceded the Affiliation of the C.G.I.T. Group, with the W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church, in May, at which the girls presented a gift of $10.00 to Mrs. Cronshaw, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, for the General Fund of the Society. The Rev. Ray McLean thanked all who had participated in both Meetings, and closed each one with prayer.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Central Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* held a joint Meeting to hear Miss Margaret Ramsay, on furlough from *British Guiana,* tell of her years of work as our W.M.S. Missionary in *British Guiana.* Showing slides of the country, the people, and the extent of W.M.S. work there, Miss Ramsay stressed the fact that Presbyteries of the Church of Scotland in this land, and those of our own Canadian Presbyterian Church in *British Guiana*, in April combined to work together. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Alex Anderson, and Mrs. Wm. Ronald. Mrs. George Corman was Soloist.

The Rev. R. Malcolm Ransom, Assistant Secretary for Overseas Missions, was Guest Speaker at the 70th Anniversary Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Alexandra Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* when he told of his trip to *India,* and the *Bhil Field.* The Worship Service was conducted by Mr. John McKeough, of the Board of Managers, and Mr. John Simpson, of the Kirk Session. Miss Margaret Cassells, of the Evening Guild, presented Junior Life Membership Certificates, and Pins, to Marlene Patterson of the Explorers, and Janice Michie, of the C.G.I.T. The Offering was received by Wendy Brown, Janice Michie, Cheryl Norman, and Susan Norman, and dedicated by Mr. Malcolm Angus. A Social Hour followed.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL—The Greta Adams Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Paterson Memorial Church, *Sarnia*, celebrated their 20th Anniversary with an unusual "China Tea", arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Scott, who on a recent trip, toured the China Factories of *England,* and showed interesting slides showing how china was made, as they explained the creation and history of some of the patterns. Beautiful pieces of antique china, loaned by the members, centred the tea tables, and Mrs. R. Butler made the Birthday Cake in the form of a piece of china. President, Mrs. Alex Hunter, presided; Mrs. Stuart Spofford convened the "Bake Table"; Mrs. J. Boyne and Mrs. Tempson convened the kitchen and Dining Room.

The Spring Luncheon Meeting of this Presbyterial took place in

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wyoming*, with President, Mrs. Allan Neal, in the Chair.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — The June Conference of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Listowel,* the Theme being "Go Ye Into All The World". Mrs. H. G. Nickel, of *Listowel,* presided. Highlights of the Anniversaries' Meeting were given by Mrs. George Cleland, of *Britton,* and Mrs. Harry Strang, of *Exeter*; Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, of *Atwood,* reported the Annual Council Meeting. Miss Margaret Kennedy, of *India* was Guest Speaker, introduced by Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A. A Display of Children's Art, sent in by Mrs. J. B. Taylor, of *Weston,* and previously shown in *Montreal* at the Anniversary Meetings, created much interest at the Supper Hour.

At the Rally of the Young Women's Department of *Stratford* Presbyterial, Miss Margaret Kennedy, the *Bhil Field, India,* introduced by Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, gave an illustrated Address on her work at *Jobat,* the theme being "Reconciliation". A Chorus of 30 children led in the singing. A piano medley of Hymns, by Mrs. Ada Park, opened the Rally; the Rev. John MacMurray, of *Milverton* brought Presbytery greetings; the Rev. J. Crawford gave words of welcome. The Explorer Graduation Service was led by Mrs. Jack Mitchell, assisted by Wendy Kicso and Gayle Henderson. Graduates were Valerie Briton; Jean Campbell; Betty Cowan; Susan Gee; Jacalyn Helmka; Mary Lynne McMillan. Refreshments were served by the Bessie MacMurchy Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Listowel.*

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Rally of *Barrie* Presbyterial, in First Presbyterian Church, *Collingwood*, "Ask, Seek, Knock", was the Theme, and Mrs. C. A. McCarroll was Guest Speaker. Twenty-five members from this Presbyterial attended the Anniversaries' Celebrations in *Montreal.*

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL—The 50th Anniversary of this Presbyterial was celebrated with a Dinner Meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kitchener,* when Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker. Greetings were extended by the Rev. F. G. Stewart, C.D., D.D., Minister of St. Andrews, and by the Moderator of Synod, the Rev. R. H. M. Kerr, B.A., B.D.

The W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Acton,* report the receipt of brochures from *British Guiana*, containing the programme of the week-long celebration of the Silver Anniversary of Burns Memorial Church, in *Georgetown, British Guiana.* Of special interest to our W.M.S. members was the Service at which the unveiling of a life-size portrait of the late Miss Mary Ellen Anderson (Nellie), and a hand-engraved Plaque, in her memory, took place. The Rev. John Elder, of *Dutton, Ont.,* Minister of Burns Church for nineteen years, with Mrs. Elder, flew to Georgetown to participate in the ceremonies.

The Bible Class of Burns Presbyterian Church held a Special Service on Sunday, June 21, 1964, the date which coincides most closely with the date on which, five years ago, Miss Anderson was called to rest. To quote from the brochure—"Her passing was deeply felt by the whole Church in *British Guiana.*"

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — "Heritage" was the Theme of this Presbyterial Rally in Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church *Orangeville,* when each Auxiliary presented its own history, and Presbyterial Secretaries gave "flip-chart" Reports. A Skit "The Atlin Nurses", was presented in costume. Presbytery greetings were brought by the Rev. T. E. Maxwell, M. Th.; President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser cut the Anniversary Cake. Three members attended the Montreal Meetings.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL— The Semi-Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Campbellford.* Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, was Guest Speaker, her subject being "What We Know About Our Society." The Rev. A. J. Calder, B.D., of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Peterborough*, brought Presbytery greetings, and the film "From Barren Soil" was shown.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Holstein,* held their Anniversary Tea, costumes depicting the fashions of 100 and 50 years ago were worn, and added much to the period atmosphere.

The Rally of *Saugeen* Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Normandy.* Plans were made for a Workshop for Leaders of Children's Groups, and it was decided that the Fall Rally of this Presbyterial will be held in *Holstein,* in October.

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL — The 32nd Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kirkland Lake*, with Miss Ruth Yeandle, Chinese Worker in *Vancouver,* wearing Chinese dress, the Guest Speaker, who gave an interesting account of her work at the Chinese Centre there. The Rev. Mr. McKinnon, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings, and Mrs. E. J. Kerr, *New Liskeard,* reported the

Anniversaries Meetings in *Montreal*. The Summer Worker, Miss L. Uberig, was introduced. Miss Martine Jansen vanBeek, Deaconess, who is leaving for a new field of work, was presented with a Coffee Service from the Presbyterial, and a corsage from *New Liskeard*, in appreciation of her fine work in this Presbyterial.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., who returns soon to her work in *Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker at the Evening Meeting of East Toronto Executive. Three Sectional Meetings were held, with Miss Audrey Prendergast, Reg.N., of the *Bhil Field, India,* the Guest Speaker at the Meetings held in *Markham* and *Newmarket;* and Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N. on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* speaking at the *West Rouge* Meeting.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. E. Parish was Guest Speaker at the Mother-and-Daughter C.G.I.T. Banquet held in *Nashville* Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. J. Burbidge and Mrs. J. Goldthorpe were presented with silver Anniversary Spoons.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Nashville* Presbyterian Church celebrated a 60th Anniversary at a recent Meeting. Charter members still living are Mrs. C. McDonald, Mrs. L. Card, and Mrs. W. Carberry. Mrs. W. Ferguson was Guest Speaker, and silver Anniversary Spoons were presented to both Mrs. Ferguson and Miss L. Agar.

To Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Toronto*, recently came girls from all over *Ontario, Montreal*, and *Michigan, U.S.A.*, to share in the happy Reunion of the C.G.I.T. Group which was first formed in this Church in 1927, by Miss Olive Grant. Guests of Honour were Miss Ruby Cruickshank and Miss Clara Brown, Presidents of the two Senior W.M.S. Auxiliaries of the Church. After a few words of welcome and a brief Worship Service conducted by Anne Bryson, a corsage was presented to Miss Bryson by Miss Margaret McWhinnie.

The rest of the afternoon was given over to renewed fellowship, memories, and pictures taken through the years, and a delicious Supper was served by Mrs. Rose and her Committee. Greetings were read from girls in *California, Calgary, Goderich*, and *Cooksville,* who were unable to be present. A jolly Sing-Song; the C.G.I.T. Purpose; and Taps, brought this worthwhile afternoon of renewed friendships and interests to a close, and a Memorial Basket was placed in the Church for the Sunday Services, in memory of Mrs. Hodgson and Miss M. Craig, two beloved Leaders. Much credit for this successful C.G.I.T. "Get Together", goes to Peggy Neill Chaplin; Margaret

Taylor Hustler; and Dorothy Parker.

Miss Margaret Ramsay, on furlough from *British Guiana,* where she has given twenty years of devoted service among the women and girls, and in educational work in our Mission there, was Guest Speaker at the Annual "Family Night" of the Janet Geggie, and Sloan Auxiliaries of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* Mrs. O. J. Davies, President of the Afternoon Auxiliary, with Miss Marjorie Hamilton, Evening Auxiliary President, welcomed guests and jointly Chaired the Meeting. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Cowan, Janet Geggie Treasurer, and Miss McIntyre, Glad Tidings Secretary of the Sloan Auxiliary. The Junior Choir, in their wine gowns, sang two beautiful selections, directed by Mr. Harold Walter, and accompanied by Mrs. Wilson. Introduced by Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, and thanked by Miss Muriel Duncan, Sloan Vice-President, who presented to Miss Ramsay, a silver Anniversaries Spoon, on behalf of the Meeting, Miss Ramsay gave a vivid picture of the political unrest in *British Guiana,* and the strong Christian Church which has developed increasingly during the last few years among the Guianese people. She asked that we remember these fellow-Christians as part of the great Christian family, on this "Family Night" — our brothers and sisters in Christ, who, in spite of disruption in their land, are earnestly striving to maintain and build up the Presbyterian Church of *British Guiana.* The Parkdale C.G.I.T. Group, in their smart uniforms, an important part of the Parkdale family, took up the Offering, which was dedicated by their Leader, Mrs. Egerton. The Rev. Charles Boyd, B.A., pronounced the Benediction, and refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

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GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Rally of this Presbyterial took place in St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, *Finch,* with President Mrs. J. McCleverty presiding, and some two hundred in attendance. Mrs. H. Cameron, on behalf of her Church, warmly welcomed visitors, and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. R. MacIntyre and Mrs. D. Carruthers. Detailed Reports from Council, Synodical, and Montreal Centennial Meetings, were presented, and Miss Isabel Taylor spoke on her work in *Formosa.* Miss Powrie brought Council greetings; Mrs. Boyd presented Synodical greetings; the Rev. Hugh Wilson gave the greetings of Glengarry Presbytery. To commemorate the W.M.S. 100th Anniversary, this Presbyterial has established a Bursary Fund, with which to aid students in Theology, or in Deaconess Training, from this Presbytery. To achieve and maintain this, each W.M.S. member is to give ten cents monthly, over and above her regular givings to the W.M.S. This was also their means of contributing to the Anniversaries Projects.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa*, with the Rev. Dr. J. A. Johnston conducting Devotionals and extending the welcome of his Church. Miss Helen Acton, Reg.N., was Guest Speaker, and told of her work on the *Bhil Field, India.* Mrs. Peace Montgomery, Retiring President, was presented with a Life Membership Certificate, on behalf of *Ottawa* Presbyterial. Gratifying Presbyterial Reports were received as well as highlights of the year in Auxiliaries and Affiliated Groups.

The Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *Spencerville,* followed the "Glad Tidings" Easter Service of Worship. The Guest Speaker, Miss Flora Cameron, of Brookdale Mission School, *Wakefield, Quebec*, told of the good work of this School from its beginning. At a previous meeting, this Auxiliary honoured a former member, Mrs. S. W. MacQueen, with a gift on her 90th Birthday.

Erskine Presbyterian Church, and Ottawa Presbyterial, have lost a devoted and valued member, in the sudden death of Mrs. Robert Good, wife of the Rev. Robert Good, D.D., former minister of Erskine Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* in which they ministered for 28 years. She was the gracious mistress of the Manse, earlier, in *Cape Breton, Montreal* and *Hull,* and was equally beloved in each Charge. Mrs. Good was an Honorary Member of the W.M.S.; Honorary Vice-President of Ottawa Presbyterial; Ottawa Presbyterial Corresponding Secretary and later Treasurer for several years; and, in 1918-19, she attended the first Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Executive Meeting. The Rev. Dr. E. C. B. Foote, C.B.E., C.D., Chaplain General of the Armed Forces, assisted by the Rev. A. B. Casselman, conducted the funeral service. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL—Members of St. Andrew's Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, *Sherbrooke, Quebec,* were privileged to have as Guest Speaker, Mrs. Joseph Muchan, who, with her husband, is on furlough from *British Guiana.* In her interesting Address, she stressed the great need for Christian Literature. President, Mrs. W. W. Laurison conducted the Devotions. The Rev. A. M. McCombie, B.D., Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was Soloist, and pronounced the Benediction.

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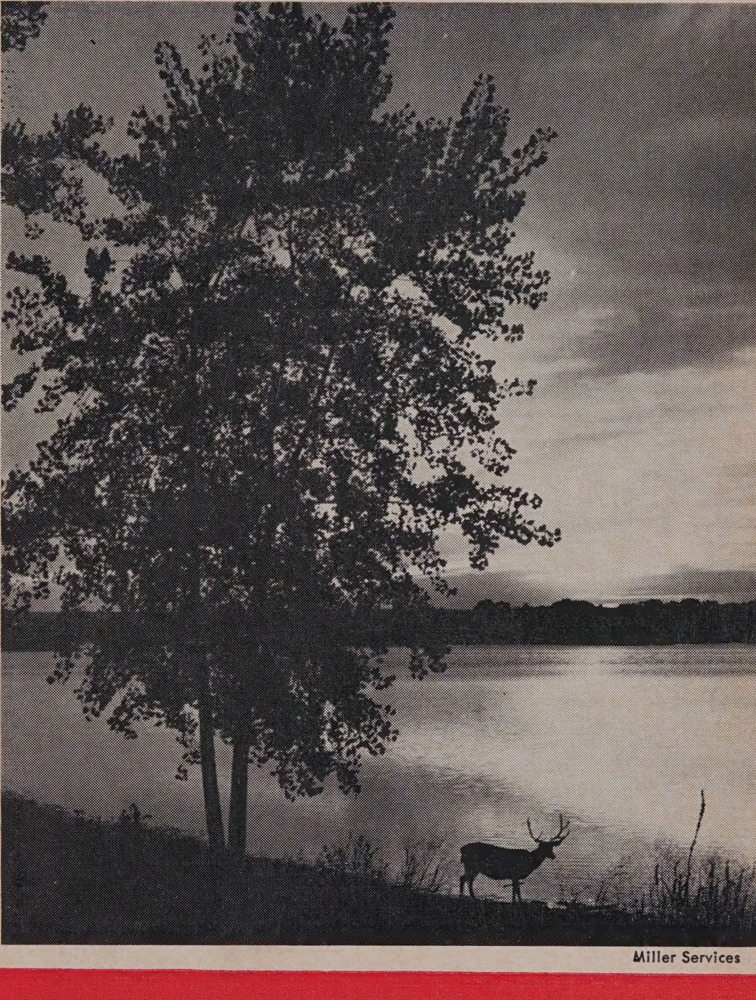

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THE HARVEST OF BEAUTY

"Give thanks for the harvest of beauty;
For that which the hands cannot hold;
The harvest eyes only can gather
And only the heart can enfold!"
(John White Chadwick — 1840-1904)

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THE GIVING OF THANKS!

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OCTOBER is the month for Thanksgiving. We celebrate Thanksgiving at this time of the year because the cycle of planting and cultivating and harvesting is completed. In our churches, on Thanksgiving Sunday, there will be evidence of the abundance of the harvest. A visitor, unacquainted with our customs and traditions, might readily assume that it is only because we have so much that we hold special Thanksgiving Services. But it is important for us to remember that Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday. It comes every year, and we don't wait until we know the size of the harvest, or the gross national product, before it is proclaimed. We knew that there would be a Thanksgiving Day this year, just as we know that there will be a Thanksgiving Day next year, long before there is any indication of the size of the harvest, or even that there will be a harvest at all.

The Israelites had a practice which helps us to see Thanksgiving in its proper perspective. "I bring the first of the fruit of the ground which Thou, O Lord, has given me" (Deut. 26:10). The law of the first fruits meant that thanksgiving to God was not confined to the end of the harvest, but was actually given real and concrete expression at the very beginning. It didn't depend at all upon whether or not there was a good crop. It didn't depend at all upon whether the man made money, broke even, or lost money. Lots of things could happen before the season was over, and the year's accounts were settled. The Jewish farmer was well aware of the uncertainty of his crops, but still there was this real element of thankfulness in the offering of the first fruits to God.

This offering also symbolized the fact that the whole of the harvest was consecrated to God. It would be impossible to bring everything into the Temple, but by bringing this offering they indicated that all that they had, and all that they would have, was received as a gift from God, and was to be used in accordance with His will.

Thanksgiving is a basic response of the individual to God. It is not simply for the extras, but for the essentials, of life. If we have been universally blessed, then we recognize that fact. But even if there were no outstanding blessings to come upon our lives, there would still be thanksgiving. Jesus explicitly stated, "A man's real life has nothing to do with how much he possesses" (Luke 12:15, Phillips).

We talk about the privileges of living in Canada. There is reference to our high standard of living; to our noble traditions; to the great promise that the future holds; and in recognition of all this we ought to give thanks. But the Christian spirit goes far beyond this. It is the spirit that thanks God for life itself: not for the kind of life we have, but for the fact that we *have* life; not for what we have, but for what we are.

One hundred years after Martin Luther's time, Germany was wracked by terrible conflict. The Thirty Years' War doomed the country to be the battleground of such a struggle as this world has seldom seen. Ruthless and ambitious men mixed religion with other motives, and fought each other until no one could fight any longer. During this period, more than a quarter of the population perished. The common people cared neither for the laws of man nor, for the love of God. But in the midst of it all, a man named Martin Rinkart put words on paper. He was hardly able to find bread or clothes for his children. Yet this is what he wrote:—

"Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today."

This puts Thanksgiving in the primary place. People are able to give thanks when, according to all appearances, they have no reason to give thanks. But they do have a reason, and their reason is in their understanding of the purpose for which God's gifts to them are to be used.

Too much of our gratitude is in terms of our own enjoyment. We think of what our blessings will mean to us; of the differences they will make in our lives; of the happiness they will bring us. Well, we would not want to disparage enjoyment. Indeed, joy is a Christian virtue, one of the fruits of the Spirit's working in our lives, but it is dependent upon a relationship with God. The classic declaration of the Shorter Catechism that "man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever" indicates that joy is a derivative. It is the result of giving glory to God, of putting God at the centre, and ordering all of life in obedience to Him. The same holds true in the case of what God gives to us: it is not for our enjoyment but for our use, and it is as we use God's gifts for their proper ends that enjoyment results for us. Thanksgiving is not simply for what we have received, but that, by reason of what we have received, we are able to share in the ongoing purpose of God.

"I do not thank Thee, Lord, that I have bread to eat while others starve;
Nor yet for work to do while empty hands solicit heaven;
Nor for a body strong while other bodies flatten beds of pain.
No, not for these do I give thanks.
But I am grateful, Lord, because my meagre loaf I may divide;
And that my busy hands may move to meet another's need;
Because my doubled strength I may expend to steady one who faints.
Yes, for all these do I give thanks."

The giving of thanks is empty unless it involves the giving of service. A prayer of thanksgiving must never be isolated but must lead up to a prayer of dedication. We thank God for what He has given us, and then we pray that we may have grace to use His gifts properly, and to give of ourselves in His service.

So thanksgiving leads on to stewardship. For stewardship is the recognition that everything we have is a gift from God, and that we must account to Him for the proper use of everything we have. This was implied in the offering of the first fruits, "I bring the first of the fruit of the ground which Thou, O Lord, hast given me." The consecration of this to God was a symbol that everything to come afterwards was also consecrated to God.

Christian giving does not come from the bottom, but from the top. It is not what we do with everything that is left over, after we have paid our bills, supplied our needs, and indulged in our luxuries. It is not a matter of drawing-up our budget, and listing all the ways in which our money is to be spent, and then taking some of whatever remains and deciding this is what we can probably spare. It is not a matter of doling out a little bit here and there, and saying that we have fulfilled our debt to God. Too often God simply gets the leftovers, the things we don't want for ourselves, and we treat Him as though He were a charity case. But Christian stewardship recognizes the priority of God's claim. The Israelites offered to God the best calf, the best lamb, their finest possessions. We live in a different kind of economy, with different means of exchange, but the same principle holds true. It is the commitment of the best that we have: not giving Him something that doesn't cost us anything — for then any old thing, any old coin, would do — but giving Him the finest and costliest that we have.

This we do, not out of compulsion but out of desire; not out of fear but out of love; for the motivating power in the exercise of our stewardship is thanksgiving. If we are truly thankful then we will want to give — and we *will* give. We know what God has given us, and this is the response which we make. Thanksgiving is an empty form unless it produces a new direction to life, and a desire to put our thanksgiving into some concrete, visible expression.

When it is thanksgiving for life itself, to God who has breathed life into our bodies; to God who hast put His Spirit in our hearts; to God who has loved us so as to give His Son; to God whose coming and action in history has resulted in the glad sound of the Gospel; for this there can be no little response, there can be no cheap and complacent thanksgiving.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Shall have my soul, my life, my all."

PRAYER

by (MRS. W. B.) LOREEN LEATHERDALE

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Our Father and our God, who hast given us an example of prayer and forgiveness in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for Thy precious gift to us of Thy Love.

We thank Thee, that through Thy sacrifice we may receive the forgiveness of our sins. We implore Thy pardon for our sinfulness. Help us to witness to Thy love, and trust to the sunshine of Thy Spirit, to bring forth a harvest.

Accept our thanks for the Holy Scriptures, that are able to make us wise unto Salvation. Grant that through their study, we may grow in our knowledge and love of the Saviour.

Our Father, we thank Thee for Thy Church Universal, for all labourers for Jesus Christ, and for those who have been faithful to Him in years gone by. We give Thee thanks for our lives; for our loved ones and friends; and for the great fellowship of Thy people, which reaches around the world. Teach us to uphold each other in united prayer, and to remember, always, in our supplications, the sick, the homeless, the hungry, the grief-stricken, and the lost and lonely ones, who know Thee not. We thank Thee for all Thy precious promises to us, that Thou wilt never leave us; that Thou wilt answer our prayers and supply our needs; and be to us in every situation our Saviour and friend.

We thank Thee for the provision Thou hast made for us — the daily bread; the sufficient clothes; the healing of the body. Take from us the fear of affliction, and enable us to know the joy and peace of Thy surrounding love and protective care. We thank Thee for every opportunity to forget ourselves and serve him, who comes to us in the needs of men. We have received all things from Thee; enable us to know the even greater blessedness of giving.

O God, Lord of the Harvest, receive our praise for the bounty and beauty of this country in which we live. Accept our thanks for the heritage of faith and freedom we have received. Bless our gracious Queen, Elizabeth, the members of the Royal family, and those who exercise authority under

her sovereignty. Extend Thy favour and remember the people of our land, that we may set a worthy example for all nations.

Our Father, hasten the day when all mankind shall know themselves one family, and shall live as becometh Thy children. Teach us to hear Thy call in the stirring events of our time; ever to see Thee; to live for Thee; and to love Thee, that we may know Thee evermore. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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In Remembrance

Name	**Church**	**Presbyterial**
Mrs. Wm. (Jemima) Turner	Knox, Midland	Barrie
Mrs. Annie McMillan	St. Andrew's, Windsor	Chatham
Mrs. Stoffel van der Zee	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. W. A. (Beatrice) McLennan, President of W.M.S.—1935-39)	Glenview, Toronto	East Toronto
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Mrs. Charles Workman	St. Andrew's, Kingston	Kingston
Mrs. Charles Gates	St. Andrews, Kingston	Kingston
Mrs. Neil McLean	Knox, Woodville	Lindsay
Mrs. Roy Porter	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. W. J. S. McCormick	Knox Crescent and Kensington, Montreal	Montreal
Mrs. E. McMillan	Burns, Erin	Orangeville
Miss A. McGill	Burns, Erin	Orangeville
Mrs. S. Everson	Burns, Erin	Orangeville
Miss Flora Galbraith	St. Andrews, Bowmanville	Peterborough
Mrs. George Dick	St. Andrew's, Sherbrooke	Quebec
Mrs. W. H. Hanna	Knox, Red Deer	Red Deer
Mrs. Charles Petrie	Presbyterian, Atwood	Stratford
Miss Dorothy Clifton	Wychwood, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. Robert Bryce	Mount Pleasant, Vancouver	Westminster
Rev. David Angus Smith, D.D.	Mount Pleasant, Vancouver	Westminster

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THE DEACONESS FACES ANOTHER CHALLENGE

by MISS WINNIFRED RIPLEY

WHEN I WENT to Presbytery last September, my mind was quite at ease that the usual routine of a Presbytery deaconess would be followed for another year. However, my Missions Convener casually remarked that our Chinese worker had begun kindergarten classes and she was having some difficulty with many children, and no one to help her. He asked me if I would go down and give her a hand for a few days. Out of this, a key word in my experience has once more become an important resource — perseverence. It is the test of one's faith, and trust in our Heavenly Father's guidance and wisdom to follow in His leading. Again the challenge of the outreach of the Gospel presented the opportunity of serving in Christ's name.

There is much in this work that could easily make one discouraged, but when one realizes that in His service we are not alone, that He has promised to supply our every need, then we can face the challenge with faith and hope, knowing that though our labours may be very feeble and inadequate, God gives the increase. Others have planted, some have watered, but it is God Who gives the fruits for His glory.

If one looks briefly into the history of the Chinese Presbyterian Mission, we find that work with the children has been one of the central features for over thirty-five years. It is true that, through the children, one has an open door to the homes of the families in the community. There are many adults and young people today, scattered throughout our country, who can look back to their happy associations in kindergarten at the Chinese mission here.

What has happened to all the children who have been in the kindergarten through the years and are now grown up? Are they in fellowship with the Church wherever they live, or are they beset with the ideas that a fine home, a car, and money, are the ultimate aim of all? What have they done about the Christian faith, which prompted those who worked with them to be willing servants, not minding the inadequate facilities and conditions, to teach them as little ones, the basic truths and principles of the Christian faith? Are they practising these teachings, and seeking to win others of their fellowmen to Jesus Christ, Who invited them as little children to come unto Him? His call is still the same today, to all who will listen— "Come unto Me". Certainly these are some of the challenging questions which come to mind, as one seeks to evaluate this field of service.

The children come to the kindergarten from widespread and varied backgrounds. Some are third-generation Canadian-born Chinese, while others are newcomers from Hong Kong, who still have many of the homeland customs and language difficulties. Both languages are used in much of the programme to help them to become acquainted, and to adjust to the programme. It is frustrating, though, when one does not understand the language, and it makes the contacts with parents very restricted, as well as limiting the opportunities with the children.

In the kindergarten we seek to have a happy and relaxed programme, so that children may learn and participate at their own rate, and enjoy themselves in play and fellowship. Learning to share, and to be helpful to one another, is practised at all times, and guidance through story, song and prayer introduces them to the Christian faith.

In trying to meet the tremendous challenge of having forty children enrolled, I have endeavoured to enlist the help of women from some of our local congregations, as well as getting some of the mothers to take their turns coming in to be helpers. It is an opportunity to let them see just what we are seeking to do, and as they talk among themselves, we hope they will create more interest in the programme, and the wider work of the church as a whole.

How does one face this challenge today? There is a tremendous potential in the children who come into our kindergarten. However, one outstanding lack has come out of this work, in that, as the children have grown up through the years into youth and adults, they have not been taking their place in the ongoing life of the congregation. They have not assumed the responsibility, as Christians, to be leaders and teachers in their own congregation. To have those who have been through the children's programme come into the fuller, active life of the congregation, where there is a great need for leadership today, is the challenge we face!

We know that persons are reached through friendship and understanding. Home visitation, therefore, is another important phase of service, so that the truths of the Christian faith may be shared with parents, too. This visitation is carried out in conjunction with the work of the Minister, who can reach those who understand best in their mother tongue. It is a tedious task, as in any work of outreach with the

Gospel. We need prayer support, that God will bring the increase, and open the hearts of His people to His Word and Spirit.

The need for improved facilities brings further challenge, as well as some frustration. One is very limited in activities suitable for youngsters, when the programme must be carried on in such small space. Some improvements are imperative, especially when the building is over forty years old.

However, there are hopeful signs, as a new spirit of enthusiasm and concern is in evidence, especially as we look forward to the new Minister coming soon. We feel that a new opportunity is awaiting us through the Chinese Mission, and seek to face this renewed challenge with faith and hope that God's will shall be done and His Kingdom come into the midst of the Chinese community, and that Christ Jesus will become the only Lord and Saviour in the hearts and lives of all our Chinese brethren.

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NATIONAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

MISS HAZELL DAVIS, who has been serving in Inner City Work in West Toronto Presbytery for several years, began her study furlough early in September. She is enrolled at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

The National Department received **MISS MARY DUFFIN'S** resignation with regret, effective August 31st. Miss Duffin has been engaged in work with the Chinese people in Sudbury for the past two years, as well as having some responsibility for Christian Education in Sudbury's Mission Churches. We wish her God's blessing, as she takes up her duties as Deaconess in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

MISS ELSIE LEE, of our Toronto Chinese staff, has been loaned to the Woman's Missionary Society (Eastern Division) for a period of one year, for work among the Chinese people within the Atlantic Provinces. We know that the prayers of our Society's membership will follow Miss Lee in her labours.

NOTICE

A recording of eight sacred selections, rendered by the Girls' Choir of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora, is available for $1.75. Anyone interested in obtaining a record may do so by writing to the National Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1.

You—and your Adult Group

VARIETY IN MEETINGS

by (MRS. W. A.) MARGARET R. WILSON

President, Synodical of Saskatchewan

"YES, SUSAN, I believe I can go with you this evening. It's our W.M.S. Group Meeting, but I can easily skip it. I know just what's coming up. Mary has the Service of Worship, and Jane is reading a paper on the Study. The rest will be business, and it usually drags on and on!"

Does any part of the above statement apply to your Group, and have you wondered what you might do to make meetings more interesting and educational for the members? Let us look at a few of the things that might be done to add variety to our programmes.

Usually there are four main parts to a meeting—the Service of Worship, the Mission Study, Business, and a Social Hour. However, these parts of the meeting need not always occur in this order. The Worship Service may set the tone at the beginning of one meeting; provide a time of dedication at the end of another; or be the peak of the Programme in the middle of another meeting. The Social Hour, which usually includes refreshments and often comes at the end of a meeting, can occasionally be made a Dessert and Coffee Hour to begin the meeting. You will need to notify the members that this will be the procedure, so they can forgo dessert at dinner—or luncheon, if you have an afternoon meeting.

Business, which can become monotonous, especially to newer members, should be conducted in a brisk business-like manner, that keeps the whole meeting moving along without boredom. Appoint Committees to arrange details of Projects, and have them report back in a concise manner to the next meeting. Once a Committee has been appointed, have faith in their ability, and let them carry out their responsibility.

As we study Mission Work at home and overseas, we can have variety too. For instance, as members arrive at a meeting there might be a quizz game to get everyone working. This could be a "true and false" paper; fill in the blanks; match questions and answers; or a regular quizz having two teams. The subject could be the "Study" of the previous meeting; the last Glad Tidings; the Record; one of our Overseas Mission Fields; Indian and Chinese work in Canada; or any other related subject. On another day, the first fifteen minutes of a meeting might be spent trying to name people, and/or places in pictures from Presbyterian Calendars, the Record, or the Glad Tidings, which have been cut out and pinned around the room. Still another beginning might be to cut sufficient clever "ads" or slogans from magazines (or use some from T.V. commercials), so that these may be put at each place. Each person could then take her turn at using a slogan to "sell" some phase of the work of the Church to others. If you can get everyone active in some manner in the first few minutes, they will have a deeper sense of being a part of the meeting.

Throughout a meeting interest can be sustained by having "news flashes" or "bulletins" giving items from a current Glad Tidings, or Record, or telling about some significant phase of the work of the Church which is important at the moment. It is sometimes possible to obtain a costume or two from the country being studied, and, in addition, some decorations such as globes, dolls of the nation, travel folders, maps, etc. can be used for informal education.

A 'surprise feature' can sometimes be made a part of the meeting. This feature could deal with any phase of our Church life and work. It might be a partial jingle to be completed by each member, or a hide-and-seek game to find hidden articles symbolic of some part of our work. Impersonation of a Staff Member in a country under study might be made at one meeting, followed by an interesting question period. Biographical information can also be given in an "Unforgettable Character" presentation, as it is in Reader's Digest.

Vary the place of the study on the Programme and never read a lengthy article from the Study Book. It is better to have a short, interesting presentation, after which you can bring out additional points in a discussion period. If possible, have more than one person take the Study. Use various methods—panel discussions; T.V. Flashback or Front Page Challenge; questions and answers; or a radio presentation, are a few. Those responsible for the Study should be thoroughly familiar with it, and be able to answer questions that may arise in discussion.

Have one meeting each year on the Glad Tidings. Perhaps the presentation might include a quizz on the issues of the previous year, or having each member read a portion of an article that she enjoyed from one of the previous year's issues. Here, too, a T.V. programme might be copied or adapted. September is usually an ideal time for a Glad Tidings meeting, especially if your group has not started the new Study Packet, then subscription renewal time can be brought into the discussion.

For a truly rewarding meeting, once a year, it's very nice to meet perhaps a half-hour early, have a Service of Worship, and then go out in twos to visit Home Helpers and shut-ins of the congregation. Come back together after several hours, and over the coffee cups tell something of what you experienced. Those who were visited will not be the only ones who enjoy this type of meeting!

With the above in mind, as you plan your meetings, you will want to prepare one or two colourful posters prior to each meeting (use pictures from the Glad Tidings, the Record, Presbyterian Calendars, small maps, etc.). The poster can include the time and place on the meeting, what will be studied and who will be in charge, plus an invitation to the ladies who are not now members. Place it where it will catch the eye of those attending Sunday services—make them curious about your active group.

Talk to others about how much you enjoy the fellowship of Study and worship at your meetings; have them feel they are missing something worthwhile, if they do not attend; and let them know that you need them and would welcome them. Above all, show your joy in having a share in the work of your Lord, remembering that very often "we are the only Bible the careless world will read."

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THE BLESSINGS OF THE SEASONS!

"I send you Spring! The trickle of water along the edge of a ragged snowbank, in the pale sunshine of March. There is promise in that noise; it is the music of fields and streams; the waxen buds of the elm have a fragrance all their own; the smell of freshly-turned earth, of raindrops, and of grass; tiny pale green spires along the southern slopes.

I send you Summer! The willow thickets; the lush grass of the meadows; the white of rolling clouds; the rioting roses; and the bird calls at evening. They have form, colour, and sound.

I send you Autumn! Fires which trail their smoke above the cornstalk wigwams; the silence of trees, going glorious to their death-in-life; the sudden flights of birds, like drifting brown leaves; the richness of the harvest fields; the great moon looking down in silent, silver wonder.

I send you Winter! The snugness of wild life, housed in tiny, fur-lined baskets of grass; the fairy etchings on the fresh snowfall, by many little scampering feet; the blueness of the winter sky; the darting, streaming pennants of the Northern Lights.

Upon you rests the blessing and the benediction of God. His blessing is on all who touch the earth which He has made—His loving care is in the bread we eat; the months of golden sunshine; the weeks of silver rain and days of falling snow; the richness and the bounty of the fertile earth itself.

The blessing of sun, clouds, rain, and the rich brown earth—how good to dwell among these pleasant things; to be a brother to the wind, and a sister to the moonlight! And over it all, a part of it and a part of us, God's loving care, and the beautiful silence of the earth as He created it!"

(From the Editor's Scrapbook)

VELLORE, YESTERDAY AND TODAY

by MRS. MILDRED GEHMAN, Reg.N., M.A.

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IT WAS in 1951 that I first met Dr. Ida S. Scudder, then retired, but still very active, and I soon learned to call her "Aunt Ida", as did all others working in Vellore. Every day, she was in the Hospital, visiting and praying with patients, going with them to the Operating Room and watching operations in which she was interested—for she had been a very skilled Surgeon. It has been said, and very rightly so, that Dr. Scudder did not aim, initially, at building a first class Medical College; the Christian Medical College has become one of the leading medical College's in Asia because Dr. Scudder insisted always on the highest standard of patient care. She did this, not because she was concerned for her reputation but because she loved her patients, and could not give them less than the best. Until her death, in 1960, she watched and prayed over Vellore, that it would not lose its spirit of compassionate service, as it became a great Institution. In the time I have been in Vellore, the Hospital has grown from 420 beds until, this July, with the opening of two new wards, it has become a thousand-bed Hospital.

The Lovely Chapel at Vellore

Vellore nestles among hills, which we, who work there, fondly call mountains, some ninety miles south of Madras. Schell Hospital, an Eye Hospital, now of about 80 beds, with an average of about 200 Out-Patients per day, and where Dr. Ida first began her work is in the centre of the City. The College, itself, is just south of the City, and the main Hospital is four miles away, on the opposite side of Vellore. Our College buses and cars convey students and staff to and from our Service Centres.

When I first saw the College, I found a 200-acre Campus, with Class Rooms; Science Rooms; the Girls Hostel; and a beautiful Chapel, built around a lovely garden; also a few bungalows for senior Foreign Staff, and cottages for Indian Staff. Today, there are many more lovely Residences, which the supporting Churches have built for their Missionaries, and also for Senior Indian Staff. At the far side, a Rural Health Centre and a Rural Hospital have grown up, and these serve the people of the nearby villages. Here, our Medical and Nursing students gain experience in taking care of patients in their homes, and in a simply-equipped Hospital. Back of the Rural Hospital, our Mental Health Centre treats the mentally ill, and educates the family members of the patients, who come from far and near in India. Not far away are the thatched huts of our New Life Centre, where cured leprosy patients come in contact with the Gospel, and are taught a skill or trade, by which they can make a living, before leaving Vellore. Across the highway, there is now a fine Residence for men Medical Students, some Residences, and the Play Fields. We still need a Residence for the girl Medical Students, who now live four to a room.

I still remember my first quick guided tour of the Hospital Compound, and seeing the "dhabies" slapping the Hospital linen clean! The Hospital Compound population has increased greatly, with new wards opening; new Staff Residences going up; Residences for house Doctors and Internes; and a new Out-Patients Department building, which seemed large enough for all time, but which is always crowded with patients seeking treatment, or admission. The new Physical Medicine Building brings many patients from afar for physiotherapy. Leprosy patients come for treatments; dressings; casts; splints; operations to restore usefulness to hands and feet; for facial repair, and new eyebrow implantation. There are long waiting lists of patients for Open Heart, Chest, and Neurosurgery. Two of our Doctors are kept busy restoring hearing for those who cannot hear, and some of our Indian staff rejoice that now they can hear again.

The artificial kidney, and the extensive surgery done in Vellore, create quite a blood donor problem for us today, for we have to buy most of what is used, and much surgery is done for the poor, who cannot begin to pay the cost. The upper floors of our Pathology Department have countless animals which are being used in our research programmes, supported by the Foundations. Our X-ray Department is a very busy place, and the Cobalt bomb, gift of the Canadian Government some years ago, has a waiting list, too, of patients for treatment. Amazing things are being done in Nutrition Research, with poor Mothers and their families.

Karigiri, a Leprosy Research Sanatorium, ten miles from our Hospital, and staffed largely by Vellore, is doing much in the way of the reconstructive surgery first developed by Dr. Paul Brand, for leprosy patients. Many Doctors from Leprosy Institutions, and plastic Surgeons from other countries, spend three months or more learning these new skills, and, at the same time, teaching our young Doctors their skills. Since there is no good Hotel in Vellore, we have built on our Compound, a Guest House, for guests and for relatives of patients. This is a good source of income to the Hospital, and also a convenience for visitors and for patients awaiting admission.

A year ago, we opened our new School of Nursing, and it is a real joy not to have to share an office, after all these years of doing so, when counselling students. The old School is now the Hostel for our first year Student Nurses. We admit, every July, fifty Medical Students and sixty-five Nursing Students. Twenty of these are for B.Sc. Nursing, and about twenty or more Graduate Nurses come for post graduate work in Nursing Edu-

The Candle-Lighting Service of Dedication
at the end of the first year's probation.

cation and Administration. Most of these are supported by Mission Hospitals, and go back to serve in the same. About thirty young Doctors do post-graduate work yearly in Medicine; General Surgery; Thoracic and Neurosurgery; Anesthesis; Obstetrics and Gynecology; Pediatrics; Pathology, and Microbiology. Paramedical Courses are conducted for Laboratory and Medical Record Technicians; Pharmacy and Radiography, Physiotherapy and biochemistry students. Our graduates are serving all over India—often in high positions—and some are working in South East Asia; Europe; America; Canada; Africa; Australia; and even in Japan. The majority are in Mission Hospitals. Thirty percent of our students are non-Christians, but quite a number find the Lord on their way through training.

The heart of our College is its Chapel. Almost any time of the day, if you were to look in, you would see someone burning a candle before the altar, and bowed in prayer—many of them, non-Christians, praying for their loved ones, who, somehow, recognize the Chapel as a place of worship. Eighty-five percent of our patients are non-Christians—Hindus, Moslems, and some Buddhists, most of whom want us to pray for them before operation. Always there are those who are interested and seeking Jesus, and some who find Him.

It is gratifying to read, in a Student Nurse's notes on her patient, that for diversional therapy she told her patient the story of Jesus. Two years ago, when I was very ill, Students and Staff took turns going to Chapel and praying for my recovery, throughout one day. They believe that I am only alive because God answered their prayers, and sometimes I am asked, "Have you told your friends how we prayed you back to life?"

Though many changes have taken place, and most of Dr. Ida's faithful co-workers are gone, the spirit of compassionate service, and waiting on the Lord, remains unchanged in Vellore today. May we ever remember that no matter how good our work is professionally, it is of little value unless it is done with love.

(1st Corinthians 13:13)

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Yesterday is but a dream — and tomorrow is only a vision. But today, well-lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness — and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore to this day!

(Author unknown).

THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST

THE SPIRIT OF VELLORE

Christian Medical College and Hospital

Though I teach with the authority of Hippocrates and Galen and have not the Compassion of Christ, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of research, and understand all mysteries of surgery and all knowledge of medicine; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains of hospital difficulties, and have not the Compassion of Christ I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my knowledge to nurse the sick, and though I give my energy to be consumed in their care, and have not the Compassion of Christ, it profiteth me nothing.

And now abideth teaching, healing, nursing, Compassion of Christ, these four; but the greatest of these is Compassion of Christ.

(Written by S. P. Rajin, Medical Student at the College).

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THANKSGIVING !

by (Mrs.) Marjorie Cunningham

Thanksgiving then, should surely be
The high glad moment of the heart,
When gratefully we come to Thee
And joyously our praise impart.
For crowning all our efforts here,
Through seed-time, summer, harvest, fall,
With all the beauties of the year
Thou hast been more than all in all.
With sweet content, our minds are stayed,
As barns are filled with golden grain,
And tree and vine with fruit o'erlade,
Proclaim Thy bounty once again.
I take with joy Thy gifts to me;
A thankful heart, I bring to Thee!

Thanksgiving Service of Worship

Prepared by (MRS. L. B.) JESSIE BEATH

(Mrs. Beath, long a valued member of Council Executive, will be especially remembered throughout our Society for her faithful service as Secretary of the Board, and also as Senior Auxiliary Secretary for many years. She is a member of Glenview Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and President of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of her Church.)

Call To Worship:—

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High." (Psalm 92—verse 1)
"While the earth remaineth, seed-time and
harvest shall not cease."

Hymn No. 686—(Six Verses)

"Fountain of mercy, God of love,
How rich Thy bounties are!
The rolling seasons, as they move
Proclaim Thy constant care.

Prayer:—

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the opportunity for Christian fellowship, at this Thanksgiving season. We thank Thee for all the blessings Thou hast bestowed upon us — for food and clothing: for friends and family; and for all the joys and pleasures that are part of our everyday living. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. Amen

Scripture Readings:—

First Reader. (Psalm 100, verse 1-5)
"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we

ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth to all generations."

Second Reader: (Psalm 95, verses 1 to 7)

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land.

Prayer:—

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, may we give thanks unto Thee, not only today, but **every** day; not only with our lips, but with our lives; not only by knowing of Thy goodness, but by **sharing** all that we have with others. We thank Thee especially for the gift of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour. Make us more worthy of his sacrifice, and more willing to serve Him. In His Name, we pray. Amen.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

Meditation:—Things to Think About:—

Is ingratitude one of the sins to which we give little thoughté
Have we been truly grateful for all the good things we enjoy?
For life itself, and the experiences that help us to grow?
Deep down in our hearts, are we truly grateful for Jesus Christ? For His life, His teachings, and His love for us, made manifest in the Cross?

In gratitude for all our blessings, may we truly seek to follow Jesus, in thought, word, and deed, serving others in His name.

Hymn No. 568—(All verses)

Lord of light, Whose name outshineth
All the stars and suns of space,
Deign to make us Thy co-workers
In the kingdom of Thy grace:
Use us to fulfil Thy purpose
In the gift of Christ, Thy Son:
Father, as in highest heaven
So on earth Thy will be done."

Your Prayers are asked

—For all who give thanks for the blessings they enjoy, that they may not forget the privilege of sharing with others.

—For all who profess the name of Christ, that at this time of Thanksgiving they may express their thanks by helping to make His love known to others.

—At this Thanksgiving Season, that every member of our Society may give thanks to God for the devotion, and consecrated witness of all who serve in National Missions across Canada.

—For all the people whose hearts they have touched in their ministry of love. May the inspiration received strengthen each one in carrying out Christ's command, "Go and tell Others". May they realize, as never before, the urgency of this command in today's world.

—For all our Mission Fields, and our Missionaries there. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into His harvest — the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few."

—For all members of the Women's Missionary Society, that they may be led by the Spirit to understand more deeply the work of our Church, at home and Overseas—particularly the need for us to share in the building of the Church Overseas.

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THE HEART THAT PRAYS

In cloistered stillness, or in crowded ways
God breathes His nearness to the heart that prays;
His listening Love flows in with calm, sweet power
To heal life's hurts, and light the troubled hour.

The heart that prays soars high on strong, glad wings
And finds repose beyond earth's rending things;
It hears above the turmoil and the strife
The ceaseless, matchless melody of life . . .

The heart that prays envisions tasks Divine
And yields itself to fashion love's design;
The heart that prays knows fullness of release,
And finds the way to Christ's transcendent Peace.

—Nellie Jean Stratton

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THIS ROCKET CALLED FREEDOM By Dr. Leslie C. Sayre

"Freedom!" Certainly this is the longing of all mankind; the key to the surging tide of new nations coming into being throughout the world; the theme of the people who *are* those nations, and who seek to find an honourable place for themselves and their native land among the great World Family of Nations! How are they to achieve this goal—what are the moral, spiritual, and national issues faced by these emerging "peoples", who are now struggling to create a new Nation and a new meaning to life, both personally and nationally?

Against an authentic African background, in this book, we follow the lives of four young people, who, having gained the education they left their own land to find, are now returning to the free and independent Nation their homeland has now become, knowing that turmoil and conflicting ideas must be met, as they become one with their people who are seeking, eagerly and hopefully, to create a united and workable government, and to evolve a New Nation, which is still typically their own. They are three young African men and one young American Nurse, who is going as a worker for her Mission Board. Mwanaute now holds a degree in economics, and hopes to work in a bank in Copper City; handsome Hunga expects to find a Government job in Agriculture, where he can use his new ideas on community development. Tech is a graduate Engineer, and his ambition is to find a key managerial job in a Copper City mine. The young Nurse, Marie, is setting forth on an adventure into the unknown, for to her all of Africa is a new world. We meet them aboard a jet liner bound from New York for Rome, Benghazi, Nairobi, and eventually Copper City.

Through the pages of this well-written book we follow them, and share with them something of the adventurous spirit of the pioneer in any new land, as we gain a new understanding of these new emerging Nations and their people, who must meet changing ideas and customs and seek to blend the old and new into a workable pattern of hope and liberty. Dr. Sayre, who wrote this thought-provoking book, spent three years in the

Congo bush country and two years in a mining area, and his African experience includes participating in the All-Africa Literature Planning Conference at Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, and, in 1963, in the All Africa Conference of Churches in Uganda. He is now the Promotion Secretary of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Price $1.75—paper.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVALS FROM MANY LANDS By Nina Millen

A new book from the pen of Nina Millen is always welcomed with real pleasure and appreciation, for Miss Millen is a writer of great charm and wisdom, whose work is well known among all who work among children, and well loved by the children themselves. She is a former Editor of Children's Publications for Friendship Press, and the author of several well known children's books—"Tiger Tail Village; Off To Brazil; Little South Americans, and Children's Games from Many Lands", a companion book to this present new one. Miss Millen, born in Canada, began her writing career when she was with the Publication Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, continuing with the United Church of Canada. She now lives in the United States.

In this book of Festivals, we have a total of 165 different Festivals, ranging from the people of New Zealand to the North Pole, and from Trinidad to Tonga! All are authentic, interpretive of the people, and fascinating. Folk Festivals include such lovely ones as Midsummer Day in Europe; The Feast of Lights in India, Trinidad, and Burma, and the Dragon Boat Festival of China. From all around the world, we have the Christian Festivals of Palm Sunday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. By continent and country, these are given; each Chapter ends with greetings in the native languages, and also their English translation. There are beautiful illustrations, too, and many of the observances are signed by the missionaries, nationals, and other residents, who have seen and actually experienced these Festivals of Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America, and other Pacific lands. In the concluding section, suggestions are given in the ways of using these Festivals with Groups of various ages. Truly a well-researched, interesting, and worth-while book to possess. Price—$2.75—Paper, $3.95—Cloth.

RASCAL By Sterling North

I do not believe that there is ever a boy who doesn't love pets — nor ever a grown-up man who does not look back nostalgically to some beloved pet who shared, and made rich, his childhood. This is a book for both these ages — and, indeed, for all the ages in between. It is the story of a most unusual, and delightful, pet — a young coon, whom the Author, when a motherless lad of eleven years, found in the nearby woods one long-ago May morning. From that moment the boy and the coon became inseparable companions. Rascal became a real member of the family; ate at the breakfast table from a baby's high chair; rode on the handlebar of the boy's bicycle; went fishing, camping and canoeing; even slept on the foot of the boy's bed. He so shared all of the boy's heart and life, that even now, he is remembered with poignant affection, and his life story makes a delightful — and true — book, which breathes always the life and atmosphere of a small town, and holds firm the great bond which can exist between a boy and his pet. Sterling North is a fine and distinguished writer, a former literary editor of one of the largest U. S. Newspapers. He is the Author of 27 books, including this one, which, incidentally, won the Dalton Animal Book Award for 1963. A splendid book, and a prized possession — Price $4.50.

READ — AND REMEMBER!

Someone has said that in the printed word there is a great avenue into the hearts and minds of man. How right they are! But the printed word has no legs by which to reach those to whom it would bring its news, its truth, its knowledge, its inspiration. Someone must be found to act as its agent. This is particularly true of our official W. M. S. Magazine. The need is for even *one* enthusiast, *one* person of true conviction in every congregation, who would make it her special Service to her W. M. S. to see that "The Glad Tidings" is kept always before her Church and its people. What a wonderful tool is literature — to consolidate faith; to enlarge vision; to spread true knowledge of God's world; to strengthen the arm of evangelism! Through it, is opened a window on all our Mission Work, in Canada and Overseas. This official magazine of the W. M. S. should be delivered regularly to every Presbyterian home! And only our "Glad Tidings" Secretaries can make sure that it is! They are the ones who must be the real enthusiasts! Need we say more? (L.M.C.)

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The Teen Years

THE LEADER and THE TEEN YEARS

INTRODUCING . . . THE REACHERS

by DONNA WELLS

"CLUTTERED, impersonal, bustling, uncaring, morals-shattering, idea-spreading—however you categorize it, the City is God's gift to the Church."* This fall and coming winter, Leaders and teens across Canada are daring to explore together the true nature of this unusual gift God has given us.

Do you know the struggles of an Annie Mae attempting to bring respectability to her deteriorated neighbourhood? Can you feel the loneliness and frustration of a Billie Jo searching for friendship in conflicting situations? Can you offer any encouragement to a Nancy Shipper whose efforts to remain a Canadian seem so pointless to her European parents? How do you respond to the cockiness of a Flip Franklin who commands the enviable respect of his sheet-corner crowd?

Oh, but you live in rural Saskatchewan, or a new suburb of Vancouver, or a quiet village in Nova Scotia? You don't know any young people quite like this? But you can—for you can meet them in THE REACHERS by John Henderson. This reading book, a part of this year's Teenage Mission Study packet, so tells its stories that you finish the book realizing that you have been eavesdropping on real people. People so real that you will catch yourself likening their personalities and circumstances to those of people you actually know.

To help us recognize, and to act with Christian concern towards the "reachers" in our *own* community, as well as those in other communities, is the aim of the 1964-65 Teenage Mission Study. Don't be overwhelmed by the amount of material available in the reading book and guide! You are cautioned against choosing more than three stories from THE REACHERS for Group study. Naturally, the choice of stories should be governed by the interests and understanding of the teens in your Group, and the community in which your Group exists. Unfortunately, it is often difficult to choose wisely, since what is already known and understood is comfortable to reconsider, and what is totally unfamiliar can become the object of fascinating and endless discussion. In your planning, choose a situation that is familiar, and also one that will be new to you and your group.

Personal contacts always enliven our understanding. If resource people from downtown areas are not available to you, the suggested films and filmstrips afford inexpensive, and meaningful, substitutes for encounters with people from the Inner City. A film or filmstrip may also be valuable as an introduction to the Study, since it would vividly present the need for a serious look at the Inner City.

The Bible Study on the nature of the Church (Study I) is imperative, if we are to grasp the Church's mission in the Inner City. Through the Bible Study, clarify the Group's understanding of the Church at the outset of the Study, and thus guard against losing sight of our responsibility in the City.

The careful explanation of role-playing in the Leader's Guide warrants your consideration too. If, through role-playing, the teens can spontaneously become part of the Inner City, then God's way of meeting the problems of the "reachers" in the City may become real to them too.

Since there is no single, right answer to any problems of human relationships, your Group would profit much from a discussion of the probable outcome of the open-ended situations in THE REACHERS. To carry such a discussion along to a consideration of the implications of the situation for us as the Body of Christ, and as individual Christians, may be difficult but it will be enriching.

May this year's Mission Study enable you to discover the greatness of God's gift to the Church—"The City".

**The City — God's Gift to the Church (Foreword) United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Board of National Missions.*

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A NEW SECRETARY FOR TEEN-AGE WORK

The Canadian Council of Churches through its Department of Christian Education has appointed Miss Vera Enticknap as Secretary for Teenage Work. Miss Enticknap's duties began August tenth. Miss Enticknap is a deaconess of the United Church of Canada and a graduate of Covenant College, Toronto. She holds a permanent teacher's certificate from the Province of Saskatchewan and is an associate in Fine Arts from the University of Saskatchewan. Prior to her work as a deaconess Miss Enticknap taught school in Saskatchewan. She served for four years at First United Church, Waterloo, as Director of Christian Education, and for the past four years she has been Director of Christian Education at St. Paul Street United Church, St. Catharines. Miss Enticknap has been active in interdenominational committees relating to Christian Education in St. Catharines.

WHAT TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

by LOUIS BROMFIELD

O Lord, I thank you for the privilege and gift of living in a world filled with beauty, and excitement, and variety.

I thank you for the gift of loving and being loved; for the friendliness and understanding, and beauty of the animals on the farm and in the forest and marshes; for the green of the trees; the sound of a waterfall; the darting beauty of the trout in the brook.

I thank you for the delights of music and children; of other men's thoughts and conversation, and their books to read by the fireside; or in bed, with the rain falling on the roof, or the snow blowing past outside the window.

I thank you for the beauties of the four seasons; and of the churches, and the houses, built by fellow men, that stand throughout the centuries as monuments to man's aspirations and sense of beauty.

I thank you for the powers of mind, which find in the universe an endless and inexhaustible source of interest and fascination; for the understanding of so many elements which make life precious.

I thank you for all the senses you have bestowed upon me, and for the delights which they bring me. I thank you for my body itself, which is so wonderful and intricate a mechanism.

I thank you for the smile on the face of a friend; for the touch of a companion's hand; for the laughter of a child; the wagging tail of a faithful dog, and the touch of his cold nose against my face.

I thank you for all of these things and many more, and above all, I thank you for people, with all their goodness and understanding, which so far outweigh their vices, their envy, their deceits.

Thank you, God, for life itself, without which the universe would have no meaning.

(From the Editor's Scrapbook)

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WINDOWS

Let there be many windows in your
soul,
That all the glory of the universe
May beautify it.
Tear away the blinds of superstition.
Let the light pour through fair
windows,
Broad as truth itself,
And high as heaven!

(Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

HUMILITY!

"HEAVEN'S GATES", Daniel Webster once said, "are not so highly arched as king's palaces; they that enter there, must go upon their knees!" Without humility, there can be no promise of Heaven. So great is this virtue that John Chrystsostom hailed it as "the root, mother, nurse, foundation and blood of all virtue." James recognized humility as among the first of the virtues, when he wrote in verse 10, of the 4th Chapter of the General Epistle of James — "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."

Humility is a brave virtue. It entails a full and ready submission to the will of God. It is unselfish, and strong in patience. Humility never complains when temptations, or the burdens of life seem to become unbearable. It merely prays for greater strength to carry the extra load. Humility means real honesty in self - appraisement, and in evaluating material, and secondary things. It implies the ability to make sound judgements, as to what is morally good or bad.

Humility is opposed to sin, because sin is essentially motivated by pride — a pride that puts the creature wants and desires above the will of the Creator. At the same time, humility is kind to the sinner. It knows that a single motion of God's grace could transplant the meanest and lowliest one to a pinnacle of spiritual preeminence. The humble person offers no petty alibis when there has been the misfortune of sinning. The truly humble person is most concerned about getting on his feet, and trying once again. Humility keeps the soul always receptive to the promptings of faith and hope.

True humility is candid, cordial, and sympathetic. It knows that the way to lasting greatness is through service to others. Thus, the true successes of life — the ones whom God shall lift up — are not those who follow avenues that lead to wealth, comfort, and power, but those who have learned to live rightly with themselves, and compassionately with others.

(From the Editor's Scrapbook)

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AN OLD GAELIC BLESSING

May the roads rise with you,
And the wind be always at your back;
And may the Lord hold you
In the hollow of His hand!

THE 1965 WORLD CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

To increase interest in Christian art throughout the world, and to support overseas work in literacy and Christian literature, Lit-Lit annually sponsors the World Christmas Art Competition. Artists of Asia, Africa and Latin America have entered works in the competition over the past ten years.

Paintings are first exhibited at The Interchurch Center in New York City where they are judged. If additional exhibit possibilities arise, the artist will be consulted. Winning entries are reproduced in the form of Christmas cards. Approximately half a million cards are sold annually.

Designs must be Christian in spirit. They need not show a traditional scene, but they must attractively express the spirit of the Christmas story. It is important that the entry be the artist's own interpretation of the Christmas message and that it be in terms of his own culture.

Each design submitted must be the original work of a foreign national (who need not be living in his native country). Each artist may submit more than one work. The work must be carefully packaged and sent by insured mail to Lit-Lit, Room 670, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027. It must be received in the Lit-Lit office no later than November 1, 1964. Artists whose works are not chosen will receive personal notes of thanks and will have their works returned, postage paid by the committee. Lit-Lit will take all possible care of entries, but cannot be responsible for damage or loss. Winners receive prizes of $100.00. Upon payment of this sum, Lit-Lit becomes sole owner of the winning work of art.

Any art medium may be used that can be reproduced well by photographic and modern printing methods. Paintings may be in color, or black and white. Although the art may be of any size, it is preferable that it be submitted as large as possible for exhibit purposes.

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

JANUARY-JUNE, 1964

	Adult Membership	1963	1964
British Columbia	1,302	$ 3,054.75	$ 1,863.50
Alberta	1,304	3,780.08	3,726.25
Saskatchewan	955	1,686.30	2,102.16
Manitoba	1,285	1,926.35	2,274.98
Hamilton & London	9,095	30,966.44	46,291.60
Toronto & Kingston	10,907	31,207.75	31,960.66
Montreal & Ottawa	4,559	15,422.79	24,283.57
	29,407	$88,044.46	$112,502.72

Boys and Girls!

THE FOUR LOST WORDS

ONCE UPON A TIME, there was a rich and kind master who had a good and faithful servant. The Master loved the servant and the servant loved the Master. For many years he had served him well.

At last it came time for the Old Master to die. He called his servant to his bedside, and said: "I wish to give you a parting gift. After I die you will want to travel around the world, and you will need many things for your journey; I have put all that you need in this magic bag," he said. "In it there are food, drink, clothing and great joys, and everything else that you will need."

"Oh Master," said the servant, "how can I ever thank you for such a great gift!"

"I will give you something else, too", said the Master. "I will give you four magic words. I have written them on a piece of paper and put them in the bag. I will also whisper them in your ear. Do not lose them or forget them. As long as you remember them, your bag will stay full!"

The servant bent closer, and the Master whispered the magic words in his ear. "Do not lose them," he said.

Then, soon after, the Master died, and the servant set out on his journey. He travelled all over the world, where it was hot and where it was cold. And he always found in his bag the things he needed. He always kept the four magic words in his heart, and the bag was always full.

As he journeyed on, year after year, he began to think less and less about the magic words. Some days he didn't even think of them at all. And at last he even forgot the words, the bag became lighter and was not nearly so full as it had been. One day as he was going down a steep hill, he slipped and fell. When he picked his bag up, there were only a few things left in it.

"Never mind," he said, "I will say the magic words, and it will be full again." But when he went to say them, he couldn't remember them. He had forgotten them! Even the slip of paper with them on, had been lost when he fell.

What should he do! His bag was nearly empty. The magic words were gone. What was he to do? He went on until he came to a town. He heard that a wise man lived there, so he went to him and told his story. And then he said, "Mr. Wiseman, can you tell me the four magic words?"

"Certainly," said the wise man. "They are, 'I wish I had.' " The servant thanked him, and went out where he could be alone. He sat down on the steps of a big building, and said the words that the wise man told him to say—

"I wish I had, I wish I had,
I wish I had as much,
As all my friends and neighbors have
Of health and wealth and such."

When he finished, he looked down and his bag was just as empty as it had been before.

There was another wise man in the town, and so he went to him. "Mr. Wiseman," he said, "can you tell me my four magic words?"

"Certainly," said the wise man. "They are 'Give me some more.' " The servant thanked him, and went out and sat down on the steps of the building again. He said the words the wise man had given him.

"Give me some more, Give me some more,
Give me some more, much more—
O fill my bag of blessings up,
As full as it was before."

Then he looked down again, but his bag was as empty as it was before. He got up, flung his bag over his shoulder, and started down the street. As he walked along, he met two children who were shivering with cold, and crying with hunger. The traveller felt sorry for them. How he wished his bag were still full. There was still a little in it. He could give something. He put his hand in his bag and pulled out what was left, and gave it to the children. A little to eat and a little to wear.

How happy the children were: how thankful they looked! And the servant was happy too. How glad he was that he had a little left to share. As he turned around he saw that he was standing near an old grey church. He knelt down on the steps and bowed his head, and said:—

"I thank thee, Lord, I thank thee, Lord,
I thank thee, Lord, once more,
For all the blessings in my bag,
O Lord, how great a store.' "

And as he prayed, he remembered that these were the magic words, "I thank thee, Lord." They were the words the master had given him. He had found them again. As he picked up his bag, he saw that it was full to the brim. As long as he remembered to be thankful for what he had, his bag would never be empty. (Author unknown)

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THEY ARE SMARTER THAN WE THINK!

Seven years ago, when the traditional Hallowe'en frolic widened to include UNICEF collections, some protests were voiced. "Don't rob the youngsters of Hallowe'en fun. It's their night!"

Fun-loving youngsters were unmoved by this adult reaction. Hallowe'en IS STILL THEIR NIGHT—but they have made it also a night for children 'round the world. Over the years, Canadian youngsters have learned, and enjoyed, the privilege of sharing with their friends. Through education in Schools and Libraries, they know that their help with UNICEF Hallowe'en pennies is needed. Hence their pride in collecting for UNICEF equals the joyous acceptance of jelly beans and candy kisses.

Last Hallowe'en, Canadian weather was as variable as today's political climate. Rain fell in the Atlantic Provinces, in Quebec and British Columbia. It was a clear lovely night on the Prairies and in Ontario. Regardless of weather, approximately 400,000 fantastically - costumed youngsters sallied forth with paper bags for treats, and UNICEF collection boxes. Neighbours were generous; in the bags youngsters brought home candy, cookies and apples. In the UNICEF collection boxes was almost $400,000 in pennies, nickels and dimes—this for the world-wide humanitarian work of UNICEF!

UNICEF is a crusade by children for children. Let's not dampen the ardour of youthful unselfish giving! Today's world needs it.

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THE MANUSCRIPTS OF GOD

And nature, the old nurse, took
    The child upon her knee,
Saying, "Here is a story book
    My Father hath writ for thee.
Come, wander with me," she said,
    "In regions yet untrod
And read what is still unread
    In the manuscripts of God."
(Longfellow)

RECONCILIATION IN KOREA

AN OLD ELDER of one of the city Churches called a tinsmith to his house to repair a heating stove. While working in the house, the tinsmith looked about, and, believing it to be a wealthy home, drew a knife and threatened the old man. The Elder replied that he had no money in the house, whereupon the tinsmith promptly stabbed him to death. Before the murderer had time to search the house, the Elder's wife came in, and met with the same death. Neighbours sensed something strange in the quiet house, so broke in, discovered the bodies of the Elder and his wife, and called the police.

Suspicion fell on the tinsmith. On being arrested, he confessed to the murders, saying that his family had nothing to eat, and had hardly seen the sight of money since New Year's Day. (In Korea, New Year, by the Moon Calendar, is a festive day when relatives gather together and banquet.) The heart-breaking news was sent to Seoul, to the son and daughter of the murdered parents. They came down to Pusan immediately.

A few days later, the following Article appeared in one of the city newspapers — a story which has shown, to many non-believers in Korea, the true power of Christ's love: —

> **Pusan 11BO Newspaper — 26th February**
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> "Love Your Enemy" — Matthew's Gospel. The Warm Love Of Christ Shown By Children and Son-In-Law Of Murdered Aged Parents.
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> " 'I say unto you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.' These are the words of Jesus Christ as found in Matthew 5:44.
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> On February 22nd, at 5:40 P.M., the son-in-law, son, and eldest daughter of aged parents who had been murdered by a tinsmith, came to our newspaper office, and asked us to send a sack of rice to the murderer's home. Still bearing the marks of their sorrow, they had come straight from the funeral. They said that the motive for the crime was so very tragic. The murderer lives in the city of Pusan, in a lane at the suburb of Tong Kwang. They told us that they had no hate for this murderer, since he was not able to support his family of six — wife, aged Mother, one son and two daughters.
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> The bereaved family, that same morning, had sought out the murderer at the central Pusan Police Station, giving to him the Bible of the dead Elder. 'Read this,' they said, 'and become a trustworthy, honest, new Christian man in society, through learning of Christ!' "

The Literacy Explosion — A Vital Challenge!

A Message from
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General Secretary, Canadian Bible Society.

While the fashionable phrase, "population explosion" is on everyone's lips today, too little thought has been given to the impending "literacy explosion", and its implications for the Christian World. In his Address to members and guests of the Canadian Bible Society, emphasis was given to this, by the most Reverend and Right Honourable F. D. Coggan, Archbishop of York, and President of the United Bible Societies.

"Statistics indicate", he said, "that the world population will have trebled between 1940 and 2000—from two thousand millions to six thousand millions! To put it another way, the annual rate of growth, of sixty million people a year, represents three 'Canada-fulls' of people every year — and then some! But equally important," continued His Grace, "is Unesco's plan to teach 350 millions of the world's 500 millions of illiterates to read and write within five years. We are concerned with *what* these newly-enlightened people will read. Communist countries are spending one-and-a-half *billion* dollars a year on literature, to spread their 'religion' among the people of the world; the temptations of grossly materialistic literature will be available—not to mention the wares of the dealers in pornography."

"Christians must see to it," he emphasized, "that the Holy Scriptures are put into the hands of those who are becoming acquainted with the written word. To this end, the objective of the Bible Societies throughout the world, is now to treble the printing and distributing of Bibles in every possible language, in every land. The challenge of the literacy explosion is to distribute 150 millions of copies of Scripture, annually, throughout the world, whereas the number now distributed is some 50 millions each year. But this task will not end in 1966—when this particular project has been completed! The world population will have grown to such an extent that such work will become a continuing challenge."

Archbishop Coggan paid tribute, also, to the founders of the Bible Societies of the world, who were the real pioneers of the modern Ecumenical Movement. Representatives of many Christian denominations were present to hear the Archbishop of York, on this occasion — including Roman Catholic; Anglican; Baptist; Presbyterian;

Pentecostal; Free Methodist; Salvation Army; and United Church. The Most Reverend A. H. O'Neil, Archbishop of Fredericton, introduced the Speaker, who was thanked by the Right Reverend James R. Mutchmor, Moderator of the United Church of Canada.

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UBURU HOSPITAL GETS ITS CHAPEL

(From Sir Francis Ibiam, Governor of Eastern Nigeria)

WHEN LADY IBIAM AND I were in charge of Uburu Hospital (now the Presbyterian Hospital, Uburu) we were determined to build and have a Hospital Chapel. We needed one very badly for Daily Prayers and regular Devotional Service for the Hospital Staff and others, and also to house and accommodate the young pupils who literally thronged the Hospital Sunday-School, with great enthusiasm and boundless joy and energy.

My wife built up a flourishing Sunday School with nearly 400 pupils. They were mostly illiterate, and some of them, accompanied by their younger brothers or sisters, whom they carried on their backs, Ibo-fashion, (and expertly too), travelled fairly long distances, up to two or three miles, to the Hospital every Sunday before 9 o'clock in the morning, when the session usually began.

Our first collection towards what we had designated as "Uburu Hospital Chapel Fund," amounted to £14 odd, which were the proceeds, from a play — "The Nativity" — staged and played by the pupils themselves, and directed by Lady Ibiam. Thereafter, we launched out a general appeal to many of our friends, both in Nigeria and elsewhere. There was quite a good response.

I have written this in order to announce to all our friends and donors the good news that the Chapel has now been completed, and is in daily use. I also wish to take this opportunity of expressing our most grateful thanks for their help and encouragement.

The following report gives a picture of its usefulness.

"The Chapel seats 100 people comfortably. The building is of concrete block, with an asbestos ceiling and a pan roof. The west end of the building is the Chapel proper. On entering, one sees the communion table with the Cross centred above it, and the pulpit to one side. A skylight immediately above gives a relief effect to the Cross. A room at the east end of the building is designed as a classroom and has six long tables, stools, blackboard and cupboard. This room is used for lectures, Bible studies, etc.

"The completion of the chapel

was eagerly awaited by all of us," says the Medical Superintendent.

Until then, the morning prayers, Sunday School, and so on, had to be held outside, regardless of weather conditions. The hospital's outreach was limited in not having a place to hold special services from time to time. The Sunday-School is very large, and it was difficult to find enough places to separate the children into various classes. It is good that, amongst all the hustle and bustle of the hospital, there is now a place set aside for the quiet worship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Chapel is not confined to only the staff and patients. Throughout the months, we have services which the town folk are invited to attend. We are praying that the Chapel will be a building that will be used in the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom. (Courtesy of "The Church Overseas" Presbyterian Church of Scotland.)

That Family Feeling!

Do you possess it, I wonder — that true "family feeling" in your Church life which makes you "one" with all the efforts and interests in that Church; which wakens within you the true desire to enter into and help with every angle of the work which is being done within your Church? There are many ways to test the answer to that question! For instance, as one of the subscribers and readers of our W.M.S. magazine, "The Glad Tidings," has it occurred to you how greatly you can help to rouse interest in these "written words" among the members of your Church by talking about them; by frequently passing on to others bits of information found in its Articles and Pages? Never forget that in a Church, as well as in every other avenue of life in this day and age, the "written word" becomes of special importance, not only in conveying and impressing ideas to a much wider extent and area than even the human voice can do, but in fostering the family feeling, the sense of togetherness and belonging, of being a part of, and well informed about, all of the work every part of your Church is doing throughout the whole world. You will really be doing a service to your Church, and to your fellow-members, as well as to the Women's Missionary Society of our Church, if you seek for opportunities as often as you can, and in the right places, to ask — "Did you see that Article about . . . . . . in the last 'Glad Tidings'?" Try this out for yourself this Fall, won't you? (L.M.C.)

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KAMLOOPS — OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—At the Annual Mother-and-Daughter Banquet of the Intermediate and Senior C.G.I.T. Groups of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Vernon,* decorations and Theme were international, and both Mothers and Daughters wore costumes from different lands. National dishes were brought for the Smorgasbord Supper. A Re-Affiliation Service with the W.M.S. followed the Banquet, and Mrs. J. McCulloch, W.M.S. Representative, received their gifts of money, and presented the girls with their Affiliation Badges. Games and songs were followed by the showing of a film on Asia, from the Canadian Bible Society.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — Members of the Evening W.M.S. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cranbrook,* and the Evening W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kimberly,* met in the *Cranbrook* Church to hear, as Guest Speaker, Mrs. A. J. Edmonstone, of *Trail* who gave an interesting account of the 100th Anniversary Celebrations in Montreal, and also conducted the Devotional Period. Plans were completed for the W.M.S. Camp at *Lake Wasa, B.C.*

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — Eighty members, and three Ministers, attended the Meeting of this Presbyterial, when it was held in the Social Suite of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* with Mrs. W. J. Hogg, Vice-President, presiding. Representatives were present from Knox Presbyterian Church; Gorge Presbyterian; the Chinese Presbyterian Church of *Sooke,* as well as the members of Afternoon and Evening Groups, from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The Rev. W. J. Klempa, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Minister of the Gorge Presbyterian Church, conducted the Devotions, and the Rev. C. R. Talbot, of the Korean Presbyterian Church in Japan, was Guest Speaker. Stressing the spiritual needs of these people, he spoke of the fine work carried on by our own women Missionaries, Miss Nakamura and Miss Mavis Hyndman, in particular.

The Home Helpers of the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Groups of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* were Special Guests at the joint Meeting of these Auxiliaries held at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. David Cooper, on Ferndale Road, *Victoria.* Mrs. Henry presided; Miss Scott conducted the Devotional Period and dedicated the Offering; Mrs. J. Howard thanked the Hostess for the pleasant time enjoyed by all, and for her gracious hospitality which has been extended to these Groups annually for the past ten years.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The British Columbia Synodical; this Presbyterial, and members of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver* have all lost a beloved and faithful member, in the recent death of Mrs. Earle P. (Irene) Fox, whose time and thoughts, outside of her immediate family circle, were all given to her W.M.S. and Church work throughout her many years of service. She was a Past President of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of her home Church, Mount Pleasant Presbyterian, *Vancouver;* President of Westminster Presbyterial from 1953 to 1956, during which she stimulated great interest in W.M.S. work, in Westminster Presbytery and among the various W.M.S. Groups within this Presbyterial. Following this, she was President of British Columbia Synodical from 1959 to 1962. Mrs. Fox will be greatly missed by her Church, and by her many friends, as well as by her family, to whom sincere sympathy is extended.

Mrs. G. M. Ledingham was Guest Speaker at the Thank-

Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster*. At this Meeting, also, the Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. Groups was held, and the singing of these girls was much enjoyed.

At a recent Meeting of the Marie Douglas W.M.S. Auxiliary of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Burnaby,* the Rev. A. Bateson, Secretary for the Mission to Lepers who has recently returned from "Happy Mount Leper Colony" in *Taiwan,* was Guest Speaker, and emphasized the spiritual depth of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa and Japan. The film "Lifted Hands", which showed Dr. Paul Brand's work at the "New Life Village", in *Vellore, India,* illustrated the fine work carried on in curing Leprosy, and how lives were changed by it.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, *White Rock,* now celebrating its 25th Anniversary, and moving into a new Church building, was especially happy when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church had Mrs. C. R. Talbot, recently returned, with her husband, from the Presbyterian Mission Field among the Koreans in *Japan,* as their Guest Speaker at a recent Meeting. Before taking up his Mission Work in *Japan,* the Rev. C. R. Talbot, was the Minister of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *White Rock*.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *West Vancouver,* at their Luncheon Meeting, presented a Life Membership Certificate and Pin to Mrs. S. Dobinson, Auxiliary Supply Secretary. The Rev. S. L. McIntyre, B.A., Minister of this Church, gave the Devotional Period. The Presbyterial Literature Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Young, brought a splendid Display of books from the Publications Department, and also spoke on the Study on *East Asia*. Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Mrs. B. Bleakley, told of the visitation done within the local Church.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the W.M.S. held in *Montreal* last May were the theme of the meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* when the three members who had attended the Celebrations, and the Annual Council Meeting, gave the Programme. Mrs. M. McCallum told of the many highlights of those Anniversaries' Days, all of which both inspired and challenged those present. Hymns and Bible Readings relating to the Theme of Miss Kennedy's Studies, as given by Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., were used throughout the programme, and the Meeting closed with a devotional message based on Miss Kennedy's three inspiring studies on the Theme, "The World for Christ"—The Invitation; the Challenge; the Command. A Social Hour followed the Meeting, when the tea-table was centred with a beautifully decorated 100th Anniversary Cake.

The Annual Family Night of the Explorers group of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* took the form of a Dessert Party, at which the families of the girls were honoured guests, and Dr. and Mrs. J. Williams, former Medical Missionaries, showed pictures of *India.* Mrs. R. Warren sang two Songs of *India,* and this was followed by a Sing-Song. A Worship Service brought the fellowship to a close. The C.G.I.T. Affiliation Service of the Goforth Group of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church was conducted by Miss V. Lawrence, and the girls, led by Mrs. R. Kewns, gave a playlet on the Home Life of one of the tribes, and displayed their work on *India.*

The Athalie Read Group of the W.M.S. of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* held a Thank-Offering Meeting recently, when members of various Churches formed a Panel telling of their Mission Work in India. Anglican, United Church, Baptist, Presbyterian and Salvation Army representatives took part. At another Meeting of this Group, a W.M.S. Life Membership Pin was presented to Miss Margaret McLaggan, in recognition of her faithful work in her Group and her Church. The Life Membership Certificate was given to Miss McLaggan earlier, at the Annual Presbyterial Meeting.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — Prior to the Graduation Ceremony for the three graduating members of the *Wanham* Explorer Group, their Leader, Mrs. Florence Sather, gave a Supper Party for all the Explorers and their Mothers. The graduating girls, who, in September enter a newly organized C.G.I.T. Group, were dressed in Indian saris, and gave an excellent outline on the Study of *India.* All the Group took part in the Worship Service, and a contribution was made to the W.M.S. General Fund for Missions. The Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Grove were present, and Mrs. Grove spoke on Canadian Girls in Training.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Dorothy Bulmer, of *Nigeria* was Guest Speaker at the Annual Rally of this Presbyterial, in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* when President, Mrs. E. B. Day presided, and Mrs. John Rich and Mrs. Ken Knight reported the Annual Synodical Meeting, held in *Rocky Mountain House.* Miss Barbara Woodruff and Miss Emily Drysdale gave interesting accounts of the Anniversaries Celebrations and the Annual Council Meeting held in *Montreal* last May. A period of silent prayer was held in memory of the late Mrs. W. H. Hanna, a beloved and long-time member of this Presbyterial, whose sudden death took place recently. Presbyterial members, at the close of of their Meeting, joined the men of the Presbytery for a Banquet at St. Andrew's West Park Presbyterian Church, and later heard the reports from delegates to General Assembly in *Toronto*.

In June, the Women of the Church Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* held an enjoyable week-end Camp at *Camp Kannawin, Sylvan Lake*. Mrs. Catherine Campbell, of *Edmonton* was Director, and Miss Dorothy Bulmer, of *Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker. In spite of cold, wet weather, spirits were high, and all went home mentally and spirtually refreshed.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* held their Closing Meeting at the beautiful summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Barrett, when a Pot Luck Luncheon was enjoyed under the trees over-looking the lake. Mrs. N. Code led the Study Period. A Special Meeting for Home Helpers, and as many other Church women as possible, will open the Fall Programme, and Mrs. E. B. Day, Presbyterial President will be Guest Speaker.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — At the Mother-and-Daughter Banquet and Graduation Ceremony of the C.G.I.T. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* these were graduated — Eleanor Alm; Anne McAlpine; Linda Hoffos; Dorothy Sesson; Dianne Gillies; Carol Scheveck. Leaders are Mrs. S. Stephenson, and Mrs. T. Sorothan. Mrs. Homer Lane was Guest Speaker. Other guests were Miss Margaret Boyd, *Saskatchewan* Regional Secretary, and Mrs. D. Findlay, Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary, a former Leader of this Group before leaving *Moose Jaw*. A farewell gift was presented to Mrs. Stephenson from the girls, as she is leaving to make her home in *Ontario*.

Members of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary, and of the Good Cheer Group, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* joined with the Burning Bush Group to hear reports, by Mrs. S. R. Thomson, of the Anniversaries Celebrations and Annual Council Meeting held in Montreal. Slides were shown, and a special feature of the evening was a presentation, by the Burning Bush Group, of an Honorary Membership to Mrs. C. Goalen, a faithful member of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary for many years, who recently entered her 90th year. A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

On the following Sunday morning, the Service of Worship in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* was conducted by the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary and members of the Affiliated W.M.S. Groups, Good Cheer, and Burning Bush. The C.O.C., Explorers, and Young Peoples' Society, participated in the Service, and Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, spoke on "The Service of Women in the Mission of the Church."

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — Guests were present from *Durham, Walkerton, Chesley* and *Ayton* Presbyterian Churches, when the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of *Hanover,* was held in the Church on a Sunday evening. President, Mrs. C. Nutt, presided; Mrs. T. G. Fyfe and Mrs. Gordon MacKay took part; and C.G.I.T. members and Leaders formed the Choir. The Guest Speakers, the Rev. Hugh Nugent, of *Chatsworth,* Moderator of Bruce Presbytery, and the Rev. Frank Parsons, of *Tiverton,* were introduced by the Rev. George Tannahill. A comprehensive picture of the work of the Mission Board was given, and the continued support of W.M.S. Groups was urged. Mrs. W. Trendyle thanked the speakers.

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of W.M.S. work in *Canada,* the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church *Hanover,* held a Special Meeting in the Church, with guests present from *Walkerton, Durham, Owen Sound, Dornoch* and *Ayton,* and Mrs. J. Geddes, a teacher with the General Board of Missions, in *Formosa* was the Guest Speaker. The history of the formation of the W.M.S., and of the W.M.S Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, *Hanover,* was given by Mrs. Alfred Fritz. Devotions were given by Past Presidents of the Auxiliary—Mrs. H. S. Lindsay and Mrs. S. Kennedy, of *Hanover;* Mrs. G. H. McInnes, of *Markdale;* Mrs. M. K. Heddle, of *Hamilton.*

Decorations based on the Indian Festival of the Lamps were used at the Annual C.G.I.T. Mother-and-Daughter Banquet, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hanover.* Replicas of the flags of *India, Ceylon, Nepal,* and *Pakistan,* decorated the small tables, and candles and flags centred the head table. Miss Dianna Nutt, C.G.I.T. President, welcomed guests, and the Guest Speaker was Mrs. Richard Buck, who gave an illustrated talk on her years in *Burma.* Mrs. Elgin Forster is C.G.I.T. Superintendent, and Leaders are Mrs. Don Rennie and Mrs. Paul Mills.

An impressive Service of Re-affiliation was held by this C.G.I.T. Group at the home of Mrs. George R. Tannahill, when Mrs. C. Nutt, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary presented badges and cards to the following C.G.I.T. members — Elinor and Ruth Rayworth; Letitia Stewart; Mary Rohn; Sandra Schaus; Aleta Ward; Dianna Nutt; Nadine McGeogh; Faye Lahn. Mrs. Don Rennie and Mrs. Paul Mills are the Group Leaders.

Six members of the C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church *Tiverton,* graduated during a special Service conducted by the graduates — Linda Shewfelt; Barbara Gazel; Marjorie McIntosh; Gail Gottachalk; Helen Noren; Elizabeth Swass. The Minister, Rev. F. J. Parsons, addressed the girls and the Explorers contributed an anthem. Graduation diplomas and a gift were presented to the girls by Mrs. H. C. Hendry. Corsages, donated by Mr. and Mrs. N. McIntosh, were presented to the graduates and Leaders. A special cake, made by Mrs. J. Gazel was served at the reception arranged by W.M.S. members, Mrs. John L. Smith, Mrs. James Hutton, and Mrs. Norman Dobson.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Burgoyne,* Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. D. Lennox, Mrs. K. Welch and Miss E. O. Burgess gave the Worship Service, and, as well as the Home Helpers, visitors were present from *Allenford, Arkwright, Dunblane, Port Elgin,* and from the *Burgoyne* Women's Institute. Mrs. Underwood introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. K. G. McMillan, who gave an interesting account of the many countries which she and Dr. McMillan, General Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, visited recently on a round-the-world tour. She stressed the important work of the Bible Societies, which mean so much to the success of missions. Mrs. R. Chappell expressed the thanks of the Meeting, and, on behalf of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, presented Mrs. McMillan with a gift.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The Adda McLean W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *St. Catherines* held a Supper Meeting at the Summer home of Mrs. M. Johnston, when Canadian and Indian dishes were featured. Mrs. E. V. Marathe, of *Poona* and *Bombay, India,* in native costume, was Guest Speaker and told of life and customs in that country. Mr. Marathe is now teaching in St. *Catherines* Collegiate. Mrs. D. Booth presided, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. R. McDonald, Mrs. C. D. Henderson, and Miss Shirley Jeffery.

In June, Camp Goforth held a week-end for Explorers of the *Niagara* Churches. Seventy-two girls and their Leaders were present, and 15 girls with their Leader, Mrs. M. Stauth, from *Crowland* Presbyterian Church spent part of Saturday at the Camp, which was directed by Mrs. H. Bailey, of *Welland.* Mrs. G. Lymburne and Mrs. J. Cochran, of *Dunnville,* aided the girls with their handicraft work. Tenting, hiking, nature studies, handicrafts, games, and singing around the campfire, kept the girls busy, and Miss Elizabeth Crawford, of *Chippawa,* led a hike in the woods and nature study.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — Presbyterial President, Mrs. George Corman, gave a résumé of the Anniversaries' Celebrations and Annual Council Meeting in *Montreal,* at a meeting of the Greenbrier W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Brantford.* She mentioned particularly the splendid Indian Children's Choir, from the Cecilia Jeffery Indian School, *Kenora,* which was led by Mr. S. T. Robinson, formerly of Central Presbyterian Church, *Brantford.* The Worship Service was given by Mrs. James Brand, Mrs. Lloyd McVicar, and Mrs. Richard Martin, and Miss Margaret Ramsay, Mrs. Corman's sister, home on furlough from the Mission Field in *British Guiana,* sang in Hindi.

The Summer Conference of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tillsonburg,* when Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, of *Hamilton,* the Guest Speaker, spoke on "Missions — A Solid Investment". Mrs. D. Johnston reported the Anniversaries' Celebrations in Montreal; Synodical reports were given by Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mrs. George Tolman, and Mrs. S. H. Bradfield; Mrs. J. Miller reported on Rallies for Explorers and Children of the Church. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. R. D. MacDonald and Mrs. Hartley, of *Atwood.* Music was given by Mrs. David Bellamy, Mrs. A. G. Murray, and Mrs. M. Walper, accompanied by Mrs. E. Hunt, all of *Ingersoll.*

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Allan Neal, of *Sarnia,* presided at the joint Sectional Meeting of all W.M.S. Auxiliaries in the Presbytery, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Petrolia.* Devotions were conducted by Mrs. S. Brock, Mrs. McChesney, and Mrs. R. Cran, and Miss Margaret Kennedy, of *India,* the Guest Speaker, showed slides, and told of her work in *India.* Following her Address, a humorous Skit on Port Work was presented by Mrs. A. G. Heal, Mrs. Ray Burnham, Mrs. J. Kelso, Mrs. G. A. Dewar, the Rev. A. E. Aitcken, Mrs. H. Bruton, Mrs. F. McBean, Mrs. D. Feffries, Mrs. A. McBean and Mrs. Crosbie. Mrs. A. Shaw, of *Brigden* was Commentator, and little Laurie Neal and Eleanor Beatty were the children.

Miss Pauline Brown, of *India,* was Guest Speaker at the 76th Anniversary Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Beechwood.* Mrs. J. Lumsden gave a history of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. G. Stewart, a former member of this Church, was Soloist. The Birthday Cake was cut by Mrs. J. G. Stewart, a long-time member.

President, Mrs. A. McBean, presided at the Anniversary Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *Bear Lake,* held at the home of Mrs. R. Sheppart, and the Worship Service was given by Mrs. J. Mannen and Mrs. H. Bruton. Mrs. L. Sheppard reviewed a Chapter of the Study Book, and a moment of silent prayer was observed for Miss Athalie Read, of Sarnia House, *British Guiana,* who is their Prayer Partner. An impressive Anniversary Programme, prepared by Mrs. Franklin McBean, was presented, with members wearing Choir gowns and bearing placards. Mrs. C. Seagar was the Voice of the Auxiliary; Mrs. J. Mannen—Faith; Mrs. H. Bruton—Love; Mrs. J. Phair—Fellowship; Mrs. H. McBean—Service; Mrs. L. Sheppard — Possessions; Mrs. R. Sheppart — Gratitude. This was interspersed with the singing of hymns. Lunch was served, and featured a cake made in the form of an open Bible, with the dates 1864-1964.

The Cuthbertson W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wyoming,* celebrated a 60th Anniversary, with President, Mrs. G. Dewar presiding, and Mrs. O. Johnson, Soloist. Greetings were brought by the Rev. E. Herron; Mrs. Neal; Mrs. R. Burnham; and Mrs. G. Dewar introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, of *Hamilton,* who spoke on "The Urgency of the Hour." "The Passing Years", presenting the work of the W.M.S., was given by members of the Auxiliary, and the Birthday Cake was cut by Miss E. Richardson.

TORONTO and KINGSTON

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EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—To round off the season's activities, members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and the Children's Groups of the Church, met at a Dinner Party held at the Church. The dinner was prepared by the ladies of the Children's Groups, and included Indian curry and chipattas. During the evening Miss Mary Duffin, Deaconess, was presented with a gift from the W.M.S. in appreciation of her kind assistance to the Group on many occasions.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Summer Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Woodville,* with the Theme, "Serving Others". Special music was presented by the C.O.C. and Explorer Groups of the Church. Mrs. D. Whelan, assisted by Mrs. D. H. McEachern, reported the Anniversaries' Celebrations in *Montreal.* At the supper hour, Mrs. O. Imrie, told of the entertainment enjoyed at the Montreal Celebrations, giving special mention to the singing and dancing of the Indian boys and girls from our Indian Schools at *Kenora, Ontario,* and *Birtle, Manitoba.* Evening Devotions were conducted by the C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Woodville,* and Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker. The Report of the Anniversaries Celebrations, and the Annual Council Meeting in *Montreal,* was completed by Mrs. H. Windrem, Mrs. Riseborough, Miss W. Williamson, Mrs. J. Heron, Miss W. Allin, and Mrs. C. Veale.

At the C.G.I.T. Mother-and-Daughter Banquet held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Woodville,* the Guest Speaker was the Rev. K. J. Rooney, who spoke on Canadian Girls in Training, using Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as an example of a Christian Woman.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — A Children's Rally was held in Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, *Orangeville,* under the direction of Mrs. T. Maxwell, of *Erin,* with 185 children and Leaders in attendance. The different Groups presented songs, readings, and plays.

Mrs. T. Maxwell presided at the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Burns Presbyterian Church, *Erin,* and the Guest Speaker was Mrs. J. Muchan. Guests from many neighbouring W.M.S. Groups were present.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Burnbrae,* celebrated their 77th Anniversary with a Special Meeting, when Mrs. Alex Milne gave the Auxiliary History, and an antique table displayed pioneer oil lamps, an historic Bible, communion tokens, the first Minute Book of the Congregation, and a photograph of the first Minister, the Rev. Robert Neil. Decorations were in blue and yellow and the Programme consisted of Solos and readings by former members. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. J. Randal, of *Cobourg,* told of the Anniversaries Celebrations, and the Annual Council Meeting in *Montreal.* The Anniversary Cake was cut by Mrs. A. Milne and Mrs. W. Hutcheon. At a previous meeting of this Auxiliary, Mrs. E. Eagleson was presented with a Life Membership Certificate and Pin, in tribute to her faithful services as Treasurer of *Burnbrae* W.M.S. Auxiliary for twenty-three years.

Grace Presbyterian Church, *Millbrook,* was filled to capacity to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church, of which Mrs. G. E. Graham is President. Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., on leave from the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker, and, wearing her beautiful blue sari, gold jewelry and golden sandals — the traditional costume of the women of *India*— she gave a vivid picture of the W.M.S. work there, the customs and lives of the Bhil people, and her own work with the Mobile Clinics. Past President, Mrs. Marshall Larmer, conducted the Candle-Lighting Ceremony, and Mrs. S. E. Eakins, Mrs. H. W. Heustin, of *Beamsville,* Mrs. Harvey Challice, Mrs. Clifford Larmer, Mrs. Sam Fields, Mrs. Gerald Armstrong, and Mrs. Kenneth Moncrief, took part. Miss Marie Larmer was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Hubbeard, and Mrs. Walter Patterson had charge of the Registration Book. Ushers were Mrs. William Alexander, Mrs. Ina Peterson, and Mrs. Donald Pritchard. The Rev. A. J. Calder, of St. Paul's, *Peterborough* brought Presbytery greetings, and President Mrs. Willie Sayers presented Presbyterial greetings. Special Guests were Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Director of Overseas Missions, and Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department. Mrs. John R. Thompson thanked the Speaker.

At the Reception in the Church Hall, following, those serving wore old-time costumes, and the three-tiered Anniversary Cake was made by Mrs. Harvey Challice and donated by her and her mother, Mrs. Ernest Armstrong. Speakers at this after-meeting were the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Heustin; Marshall Larmer, Clerk of Sessions; George Loohuezin, of the Board of Managers; Miss Whale and Miss Nutt, and the Minister of Grace Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Gerald Graham.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—A Centennial Tea was held by the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of Victoria Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when Mrs. J. G. Inkster humourously related her own experiences and observations of the W.M.S. throughout a goodly number of years as a member, and Past President of Council. A Quartette, dressed in costumes of 100 years ago, sang old songs, and there was a mid-Victorian table setting, with interesting antique pieces. Of special interest was a 100-year-old Button Collection.

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MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — Members of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Ephraim Scott Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* were hostesses to the Knox Crescent-Kensington Evening, the Melville Evening, and the Ephraim Scott Young Women's W.M.S. Auxiliaries, in honour of Mrs. N. R. Dunlop, who has left *Montreal* to reside in *Carleton Place.* Mrs. J. S. McBride, Honorary President of the hostess Auxiliary, presented the Honorary Membership Certificate to the Guest of Honour; Mrs. J. Withers of Melville W.M.S. Auxiliary, presented the Pin; and Miss Margaret Kennedy, on behalf of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Crescent-Kensington, presented the corsage. A Panel on "Youth Work" was conducted by Mrs. N. Newby, for the C.G.I.T.; Mrs. D. Moisey, for the Explorers; and Mrs. K. D. O'Sullivan, for the C.O.C. The Meeting closed with the Worship Service conducted by Miss Margaret Macnaughton. The prayers and good wishes of all her *Montreal* friends go with Mrs. Dunlop to her new home.

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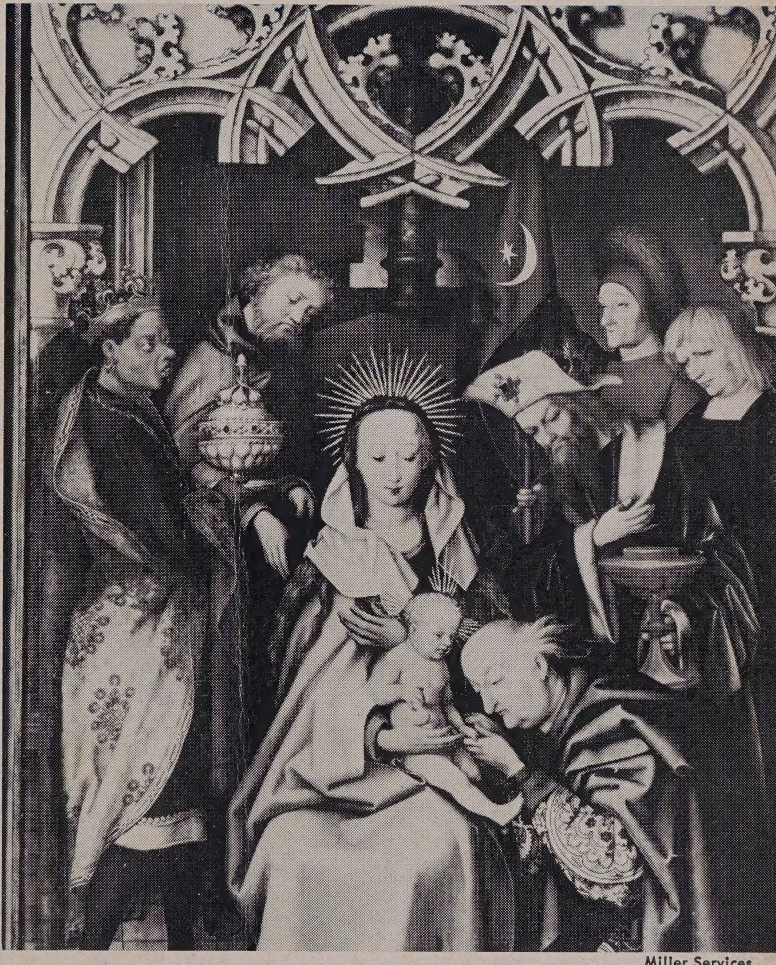

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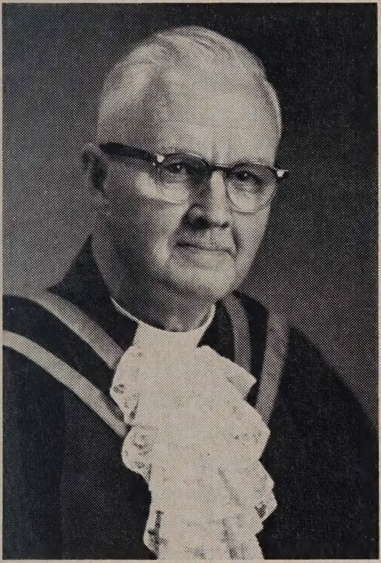

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STAR IN THE EASTERN SKY

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"WHERE IS THE CHILD who is born to be King of the Jews?", asked Wise Men of the East, at the beginning of our Christian era. "We observed the rising of his star, and we have come to pay him homage!" (Matthew 2:2, N.E.B.) The King referred to, we know, was the Hebrew's long-expected Messiah, the Christ. Wise men among the Hebrew people themselves should have been preparing for the "Coming One." Their own prophets had foretold the event, but their words had been long forgotten, or incredulously spurned. These "Wise Men" — Astrologers from the Far East — had been watching and waiting for a new star to come out of Israel. At its appearance, they lost no time in setting off, and taking with them gifts of significance for the royal child.

As visiting emissaries from foreign lands, they were worthy of kingly entertainment. But no welcome carpet was spread for them. King Herod even accused his noted guests of trickery. It seemed to him that some sinister plot alone could explain their visit, and he took no chances. He had the borders of his country sealed off. He feared that someone from among his subjects might challenge his power and authority. He gave orders for the massacre of all children in Bethlehem, and its neighbourhood, of the age of two years or under.

Today, as of Christmas 1964, many parents, with their children, flee from country to country, as did Mary and Joseph. For their Child, there was "No Admittance" to human attention, in home or hospital, or even hotel — only a corner in a stable for domestic animals. There was no security in a community of His own people. There was only the life of refugees, fleeing from hiding place to hiding place; flights from Egypt to Israel, to Judea, to the remote parts of Galilee, and finally to settle in Nazareth.

This "Christmas Time" in Canada, I have vivid memory of attending a Christmas entertainment, just two years ago. It was held in a somewhat unusual setting. The main part of the programme consisted of about a half hour of drama, and "Christmas" was its theme. The stage was in the centre of the auditorium of the Chapel of the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, in Formosa. (This Chapel was a gift from the Women's Missionary Society in the early 1930's). The Actors were young men and women, patients in the Colony. Colourful, and cleverly-fashioned, costumes were made from old, used clothing, or odds and ends of cloth and paper. Such costumes helped the performers to forget, for the moment, their disease. They were playing the part of real people, not guests who had come, by bus, from far and near. They sat, or stood, in selected areas around the Chapel walls. The drama was entitled, "The First Christmas," and the script had been copied mostly from St. Matthew, and then put into form and local language by the Colony people themselves.

In such a place, and by such a "caste," Matthew's account of "The First Christmas" was read and interpreted as it was intended to be. We often miss the realistic significance of its message for our time. The Happy Mount actors, now Christians, knew, from their own past experience, something of what social ostracism meant to sensitive persons like themselves — daily bread, and bed, problems in the life of refugees, and the constant presence of detective eyes and ears. Parents, among them, knew the heartaches of separation from their children, born in social ostracism, but with no taint of the disease. In their terrible ghetto-like world, they had known what Jeremiah meant when he wrote —

"A voice was heard in Rama,
Wailing and loud laments;
It was Rachel, weeping for her children,
And refusing all consolation,
Because they were no more."

Yes, it is Christmas time in Canada! In homes and Churches, plans will be made for Christmas Day — really for Children's Day! This is the day when children "take over." Before this day, in the streets and in the shopping areas, "Santa Claus" will have been pictured, paraded, and made into a super-salesman for all sorts of things, ancient and modern. Children everywhere will have followed him, with millions of coppers to spend, and will, no doubt, have spent all. Parents and friends will have joined them in preparation for enjoyment of the gala event. They will have seen new flying-toy gadgets for flights to the moon and Mars, or replicas of the *Telestar,* T.V. communication links across the oceans.

This will be evidence of the wondrous world of scientific inventiviness, which forms much of the atmosphere of the world of today's children. Thus it is in Canada; thus, also, in many lands throughout the world. But many — even most — of the world's children know nothing at all of this fairyland of gaiety and festivity. Many are the children of "trailer people," always on the move, in or from, one country to another. Yet, anywhere, recognition of Christmas time poses problems, both for the Church and for the parents — problems of money to spend, often for the possession of questionable, or even dangerous playthings; problems of giving forward-looking direction, in a world shaken as by earthquake, and the resultant "rapid social change" in all human relationships. What are parents to do about it? Many people feel themselves, as Dr. James Mc-

Cord, of Princeton, put it recently, "as people belonging to a dying segment of society."

We have all heard, or seen, the two words — "population explosion." The expression was first used only about a decade ago. It draws attention to the fact that the world of mankind is now flooded with children. In many lands, over 60% of the population is under 20 years of age. Teenagers in the world are counted in millions. During the past few years, police reports on "juvenile delinquency" have provided continuous stories for the newspapers of most countries. As a matter of fact, however, we live in the midst of a generation of wonderful young people, with unprecedented possibilities for good in this Twentieth Century World. The problem for their parents is that this new generation has been born into a world shaken from its "status quo" foundations. Mankind's problem is to provide "Life," and living, for this world of up-and-coming youth.

Now, where does Matthew's record of the "First Chrismas" fit into this picture? And into this present-day needs? First, it will be seen at a glance that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, the Saviour of the world, was born into a world much like the world of today. He grew up among young and old. He gave His life for righteousness and truth. But life was taken from Him, while still a young man in His prime. Today, that life, as lived, is almost as unknown as were the messages of the prophets, heard by the "Wise Men;" but His death, at the hands of His own people, did not end that life. He, Himself, in His risen Presence, is known in a wider area of the world than ever in human history, and, increasingly, by the younger generation in many lands. Christmas 1964, therefore, is an important time for "thinking on these things." His star still shines in the Eastern Sky!

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Merry Christmas! (from The Editor)

A happy, joyous Christmas
To our Readers, far and near!
We think of them, and plan for them
Each month of all the year.
They're our "Glad Tidings" family,
We point to them with pride;
Their loyal support and interest
We can feel on every side.
To every heart, and every home,
May God's peace enter in;
The message of this Christmas Day
Bless all who dwell within! (L.M.C.)

PRAYER

by MISS LILY SIMPSON

Hospital Visitor—Vancouver-New Westminster

Our God and our Heavenly Father, at this season of special thanksgiving for the gift of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, with humble hearts we worship Thee and praise Thee.

We know that we are not worthy of all Thy goodness to us. We confess before Thee that we have not always done those things Thou would'st have us do, and we have done many things which must have been displeasing to Thee. Forgive us, O Lord, our Heavenly Father. Cleanse our hearts from all unworthy thoughts, words, and deeds.

Our Saviour and our Lord, we thank Thee for the task which Thou hast entrusted to Thy followers. Make us more worthy for that task. We know that if Thou art with us nothing can be against us.

Hear us, dear Father, as we remember those for whom the joy of this blessed season is shadowed; for those who are living in places where there is so much trouble and strife; for those, Thy children, living in places where they have not the freedom of worship that we have; for Thy servants, who are serving Thee in those countries. Give them the courage they so need. Make their faith strong.

We thank Thee for Thy servants everywhere; the Missionaries in Canada and Overseas; for faithful servants who are giving leadership in all departments of Church life and work.

For the rulers of our country we beseech Thy guidance, and for all who, under Thee, have control of her destiny. Give, we pray Thee, wisdom and foresight, that they may rule all things in justice and peace in our own country, and obedience to Thy law among all nations of the earth. May our gratitude for our salvation be manifest in the abundance of our works of love.

Teach us day by day what Thou wouldst have us do, and give us grace and power to do it. May others, seeing our good works, glorify Thee, our Father in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, and in His name we pray. Amen.

"Beyond The Boundaries of Time and Space Her Light Already Shines In That Far Place!"

In the sudden death of Mrs. Isabelle Spark on November 2nd, in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, after a brief illness, a great sorrow and loss has come to our Society; to the members of the Office Staff at 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto; and, in particular, to the Publications Department of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), where for many years she has given loyal, untiring service, and devotion, latterly as the efficient and valued Assistant to the Executive Director of Publications, and as Departmental Accountant.

Mrs. Spark was well-known among the membership of all our seven Synodicals, especially by our Glad Tidings, and Literature Secretaries, and those who attended our Annual Council Meetings, where she was always in charge of the Literature Display. She was a valued friend and a dedicated worker, whose loss is keenly felt, and who will be missed more and more as the months go by. Sincere and understanding sympathy is extended to her only sister, Miss Jean Miller; her brother-in-law, Mr. Maurice Richardson, and his young daughters, Maurine and Rosemary, who have been Mrs. Spark's cherished care since their mother died, when they were very small. (L.M.C.)

DEPARTURE

"Swiftly, softly, the door has closed;
Laughter, and past-shed tears, fade out;
All longings and weary breathings depart,
Like a stage with velvet draped about
The restless world is left outside,
As the weary walk a path they never trod,
Into a halcyon peace they never knew.
So has she gone ahead — into the arms of God!"

(Selected)

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LOVING — GIVING — RECEIVING

The Attributes of Christmas!

by MISS ELLEN DOUGLAS

Deaconess, Presbytery of Westminster, B.C.

SPRING WAS LATE in coming, and April was dull, dreary and wet. In the women's T.B. ward the rest period was over, and those patients who were allowed up were gathered in little groups here and there. Some were half-heartedly preparing to do handcrafts; some were looking out the windows at the steady drip of the rain; others showed no sign of ambition whatever, and just sat. Then the door opened, and into this atmosphere of gloom and depression came the Hospital Visitor, weighed down on either side by two bulky shopping bags. Heads turned and faces lit up, for here was a possible diversion from the ordinary daily routine. And what was in those bags?

It was not long before curiosity brought a number of the women together. All peered, hopeful as children, into the bags. They saw parcels, all shapes and sizes, as they might have expected. But they were all colours! They were as gay as a Christmas tree, with ribbons and bows and bright wrappings.

Christmas in April? The secret was that four months before, the Hospital Visitor, faced with a flood of Christmas gifts for hospital friends, decided to divert some of the gifts for a "lean" time and the parcels were stored, bright wrappings and all, and now the "lean" time had arrived. The weather outside the hospital ward challenged even the healthiest of cheerful hospital staff, but the bit of Christmas stored from the generous harvest of the last Christmas giving met the challenge. Hearts were lifted, and warmth and love displaced the gloom.

Joy came to the hospital ward that April day, because of the loving kindness of many friends. Every year we witness the transformation which takes place in our hearts at this Christmas season. How do we account for this annual stirring of the spirit to unselfish action? Although we may not always realize it, surely the explanation lies in the fact as expressed by Christina Rossetti—

"Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas, Star
and Angels gave the sign."

We, who are made in the image of God, are somehow moved by His Spirit of love to think of those less fortunate that ourselves.

Christmas is LOVING!

Love, that is genuine, naturally finds expression in giving. Grieved by the misery and sin and consequent separation of His children from Him, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Thus was brought into effect upon the earth the beginning of God's great plan for the redemption of mankind. Into the dark dregs of a winter of ignorance came the Light to generate life — the very Gift of Life, the promise of a human spring.

Christmas is GIVING!

No gift fulfills its purpose until it is received. The women in the T.B. ward gladly accepted the small packages brought to them that April morning. Trinkets and ornaments and objects, though of little real value, were admired and exchanged until each found an appreciative owner who could put it to some personal use. How different it was when the Best of all Gifts was given! Christ Jesus came, not offering some mere trinket but offering rather that which is of supreme worth, life abundant, life eternal, life that had power to overcome the weaknesses and trials that afflict all mankind. He came unto His own people, those who should have recognized and received Him; but they knew Him not. They rejected the Light that had come to relieve the darkness of their lives.

Christmas is RECEIVING!

However, there were those who did respond to the Gift of God's love, and receive Him into their hearts. Believing in Him, so said the Apostle Peter, they found "joy unspeakable and full of glory," a gladness and an inner peace beyond description or explanation. Now they knew that through His Life and atoning death the relationship with their Maker was restored. Now they were "in tune with the Infinite," and life no longer was lived in discord but rather in harmony, peace and goodwill. Not only was there the joy of restored fellowship with the Father, but to as many as received Him was given power to live as the sons of God. God's Gift to all the world that first Christmas was not something to be admired from afar, but rather a life to be made one's very own, a life to be lived.

How joyously we sing at this season of the year —

"O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today."

Whenever this birth becomes a reality in your heart and mine, then will we truly experience Christmas as planned by our Heavenly Father, and begin to really live. Qualities that were distinctly His will begin to appear in us, and Christmas will no longer be simply a date on a calendar but rather a state of heart.

But that new life planted within us must grow, and not remain forever "a little baby thing" to be considered and sung about for a week or two during the year. The Life of Christ must be an ever-increasing presence, going on to maturity. In her lovely little book, "Christmas is Always," Dale Evans points out that the Christ Child in us must be allowed to grow like an everlasting tree, as we, His branches, bear fruit fit for His Kingdom. Perhaps our prayer for this season and the coming year should be that of an unknown disciple —

"Teach me to live! 'Tis easier far to die—
Gently and silently to pass away—
On earth's long night to close the heavy eye,
And waken in the glorious realms of day.
Teach me that harder lesson—how to live
To serve Thee in the darkest paths of life.
Arm me for conflict, now fresh vigor give,
And make me more than conqueror in the strife."

Loving, giving, receiving; these are the essential attributes of Christmas, and qualities which should be exemplified in all of us, as followers of Christ. If, as Peter says in his epistle, these qualities exist and grow in us, then it means that, knowing our Lord Jesus Christ, we cannot be complacent or unproductive in His service. Christmas will indeed be with us, not only in December or April, but always.

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PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HOUSE PRINCE ALBERT

"OUR HELP is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." With these words, the Rev. John Whiteway, Moderator of Presbytery, began the Dedication Service of our new Presbyterian Fellowship House in the City of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, on Friday evening, October 9th, 1964.

The House, a well-constructed, three storey, twelve-room building, was purchased this summer with legacy funds, the proceeds from a former institution of the Society, which had been earmarked for mission work in Western Canada. The decision to use these funds to set up our second Fellowship House was made by Council Executive, following receipt of an urgent request from the Presbytery of Prince Albert. The need for such a house had been on the hearts of the members of Presbytery for some two years, as was indicated in the words of Dr. W. W. Moore in the Act of Dedication, as he presented the Key to the Moderator: "God having in His grace, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, brought to its consummation our efforts of the last two years to establish this House to the Glory of His Holy Name, we are now assembled humbly to dedicate it, and set it apart for the service of mankind and the extension of the Kingdom of God. On behalf of the Founding Committee, I present the Key of this House to you." The Key, in turn, was received from the Moderator by the Director of National Missions on behalf of our Society, following which the solo "Bless This House" was rendered by Mr. L. Cowie of Prince Albert.

It is significant that our second Presbyterian Fellowship House should be located in Prince Albert, for this is the City which was founded almost one hundred years ago by the Rev. James Nisbet, the First Presbyterian Missionary to the Indian Canadians. It was to this area that Miss Lucy Baker, pioneer missionary-teacher of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, went to minister to the needs of the North-West's earliest inhabitants. It also was in the City of Prince Albert that two School Homes — one for girls and the other for boys — were operated by our Society in the early part of this century.

There are some three thousand people of Indian origin in Prince Albert at present. Increasingly, Indian Canadian young people are coming to the city to take their high school training, or to enrol in up-grading classes. The need for good homes for these young people will be a continuing one. The Society is pleased to be able to extend our Church's ministry by providing a Christian home for young men as they prepare themselves for our urbanized society. While it is expected that the majority of the residents will be of Indian origin, the facilities of the House will be available to any who need them. In the words of the very fine sermon by the Rev. A. A. Bethune during the Dedication Service, our desire is to show active concern in "Meeting Human Need."

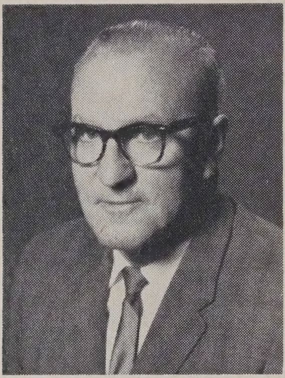
The House, which is set up at present to care for eight students, plus staff, was to open on September 1st. On August 31st there were seven young men in residence — five Indian and two non-Indian. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Dickson, who had served so capably at our Presbyterian Fellowship House in Winnipeg for a year, were transferred to Prince Albert to become the House Parents of a new family. We know that the prayers of our members will be with Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, and also the students who will live at Fellowship House.

We would express our sincere appreciation to the men and women in the Prince Albert area who have helped in any way in the establishment and the setting up of the House. (Giollo G. Kelly)

PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HOUSE
PRINCE ALBERT

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Dickson
House Mother and House Father.

AT WINNIPEG FELLOWSHIP HOUSE



Mr. Austin Beattie

Mrs. Austin Beattie

Upon the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson to Prince Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Beattie of Toronto, were appointed to serve as House Father and House Mother for Presbyterian Fellowship House in Winnipeg. They come to their new posts following previous work within our Church. Mrs. Beattie, the former Ruth Starrett, served in St. John's Church, Toronto, for six and a half years, prior to taking up work under the General Board of Missions at Evangel Hall, Toronto, some seven years ago. Mr. Beattie also served on the staff of Evangel Hall for five years. We would ask for the prayers of our people on their behalf, as they carry on their new work in Winnipeg.

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AN UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT!

A recording of eight sacred selections, rendered by the Girls' Choir of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora, is available for $1.75. Anyone interested in obtaining a record may do so by writing to the National Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1.

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Edith Warner	St. Andrew's, Huntsville	Barrie
Mrs. Elmer Kneeshaw	2nd, West Gwillimbury	Barrie
Mrs. Horace Fry	St. Paul's, Hartney	Brandon
Mrs. J. R. (Caroline) Welton	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Snowden	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Howard Manderson, Sr.	St. Paul's, Dresden	Chatham
Mrs. Nelson Watts	St. James, Thamesville	Chatham
Mrs. William S. (Nan) Hamilton	Knox, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. William Wallace	Rosedale, Toronto	East Toronto
Miss Mary Lennie	Cooke's Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. W. A. Newstead	Cooke's Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. F. A. Petrie	Cooke's Toronto	East Toronto
Miss Agnes Stewart	Cooke's Toronto	East Toronto
Miss Jessie Strachan	Cooke's Toronto	East Toronto
Miss Helen Fairbairn	Glebe, Toronto	East Toronto
Miss Mary B. McQuesten	MacNab, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. J. B. Russell	First, Seaforth	Huron
Mrs. J. W. Graham	Knox, Auburn	Huron
Mrs. G. B. Henderson	St. Stephens, Creston	Kootenay
Mrs. Alex Robertson	Presbyterian, Stewartville	Lanark&Renfrew
Mrs. D. N. Smith	St. Andrew's Lindsay	Lindsay
Mrs. Archie D. Leitch	Burns, Mosa	London
Miss K. Pringle	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. L. Sissons	St. John's, Medicine Hat	McLeod
Miss Margaret Smith	St. John's, Medicine Hat	McLeod
Mrs. Robert Whyte	St. Andrew's, Thorold	Niagara
Mrs. J. G. Montgomery	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. W. T. Turnbull	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. Fred Adamson	St. Andrew's, Campbellford	Peterborough
Mrs. F. J. Francey	St. Andrew's, Cobourg	Peterborough

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In Remembrance (Continued)

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mr. William Mearns ..... (Life Member of W.M.S.)	Mount Pleasant, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. John Young	Mount Pleasant, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. Isabel (Sadie) Baxter	Robertson, Vancouver ..	Westminster
Mrs. M. E. Nixon	Knox, Milton	West Toronto
Mrs. Mary I. Wilson	Dovercourt, Toronto ...	West Toronto
Mrs. William Cooper	Oakwood, Toronto	West Toronto

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Your Prayers are asked

— For our National Missionaries in Canada, as the Yuletide Season approaches, that they may radiate the spirit of love, as never before, to all whom they serve — as they make known the joy of the World's Greatest Gift to mankind, and what His coming really means in this troubled world.

— For all leaders and teachers of children and youth, that they may help those whom they lead to understand the true meaning of Christmas.

— For all who profess the name of Christ that, as they celebrate Christmas, they may show the love and understanding of Him who came to earth as a little Child.

— For the work of our Church in Nigeria. Pray for the work being done by medical missionaries and their colleagues in the Christian hospitals in Eastern Nigeria. Pray for the work among young people, and among the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Nigeria. In these days of building the Church in Nigeria, pray that the Christians may use their strength of mind and spirit to give strength to the nation.

— For the three young women who have come to Canada to study, and to share in Christian fellowship with us: — Mrs. Grace Tsai, from Formosa; Miss Sushila Patras, from India; and Miss Comfort Ejere, from Nigeria.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January-September 1964

RECEIPTS

SYNODICAL GIVINGS	1963	1964	Towards 1963 Deficit
British Columbia	$ 6,054.75	$ 5,457.26	$ —
Alberta	5,035.00	5,087.33	56.21
Saskatchewan	3,317.77	5,007.75	1,147.41
Manitoba	4,929.21	5,336.22	1,707.83
Hamilton & London	54,487.58	51,016.93	—
Toronto & Kingston	51,320.50	56,019.45	492.18
Montreal & Ottawa	26,512.79	29,551.57	160.00
	151,657.60	157,476.51	3,563.63
INDIVIDUAL GIFTS	8,035.86	11,374.72	
	159,693.46	168,851.23	
Towards 1963 Deficit — Special Gifts			7,424.27
Through Peterborough Presbyterial			41.77
Through Ottawa Presbyterial			29.00

DISBURSEMENTS

National Missions	$ 86,429.70
Overseas Missions	128,738.37
Organizations	34,319.66
Publications	11,998.15
Administration	20,817.33
Insurance & Taxes	1,945.08
Students	1,250.00
Christian Literature	3,555.00
Grants	860.00
Synodical Grants	1,077.94
Council Meeting	5,072.82
Visual Education	34.21
Medical Insurance for Staff	1,617.50
General Contingency	145.00
	$297,860.76
Payment from Individual Gifts	5,441.06
	$303,301.82

Christmas Service of Worship

Prepared by (MRS. W. A.) MARGARET L. WILSON
President, Saskatchewan Synodical

Call to Worship—"Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is "God with us." (Matthew 1—vs. 22)

Invocation—O, Father God, most high and holy, in humble adoration we bow before Thee, acknowledging our unworthiness to come into Thy presence except through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Accept our praise and thanks, given not as we ought, but only as we are able, and create in us a right mind and a pure heart, that all we do may be to Thy glory. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Reader—(Isaiah 9:2)

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

Hymn 167—verse 1. "The race that long in darkness pined . . ."

Reader—(Isaiah 9:3)

"Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil."

Hymn 167—verse 2. "To hail Thy rise, Thou better Sun . . ."

Reader—(Isaiah 9:4-5)

"For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day Midian.

"For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire."

Hymn 167—verse 3. "To us a Child of Hope is born . . ."

Reader—(Isaiah 9:6)

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulders: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Hymn 167—verse 4. "His name shall be the Prince of Peace . . ."

Reader—(Isaiah 9:7)

"Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this."

Hymn 167—verse 5. "His power increasing still shall spread . . ."

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson: St. Luke: 2:8-20.

Meditation—

To the shepherds, resting on the hillside, it was indeed a strange night—that first Christmas. An unusual star had moved across the heavens, and then stood over Bethlehem. An angel had come and brought them wonderful news of the birth of the Christ Child; then a Heavenly Host had appeared, and sang their praise and adoration to the Almighty God in Heaven.

Only God could have planned it this way. Men glory in splendour and pageantry, wealth and power. This simplicity is foreign to their ways and thinking. They would have had the Holy Babe born in the palace of Caesar Augustus, and wrapped Him in Royal Robes to signify His Kingliness, but God would have His plans become reality in a lowly cattle shed, with humble shepherds gathered round.

> "They all were looking for a king
> To slay their foes, and lift them high:
> Thou cam'st a little baby thing
> That made a woman cry."

It is strange that the story of the Nativity was not given to us by one of the disciples who had journeyed with the Master, but Matthew is concerned with the visit of the Wise Men to the Babe several weeks after His birth; and Mark plunges at once into the adult life of our Saviour. John refers to the Nativity only once, when he writes "and the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory." Luke, the young Greek physician, whom we understand had never laid eyes on Jesus, is recognized as the author of this, the most compassionate and tender of the Gospels. To him, Mary the Mother of Jesus, opened her heart and revealed the things she had long pondered, and he bequeathed to us, this most beautiful story of the birth of the Holy Babe.

One of the blessed facts about Christmas is that it revives something of the hidden wonder and glory of life. As we hear the good news, "for unto us a Child is born, and unto us a Son is given," we seek to recapture the spirit of childhood. For weeks before Christmas, children's eyes are shining bright, and their wee faces glow in anticipation, as they eagerly look forward to something—not quite sure what—but very sure it will be something wonderful. For most of the children, it will be many years before they realize that what they wanted so much will not be found in material gifts.

So we see Christmas not only as a sacred day, but also as a symbol of man's eternal destiny. With shining eyes and faces bright with anticipation, we look forward to something—not quite sure what—but very sure it shall be something wonderful. For, whether you are very young or very old, there is an expectation of something greater to come.

When we plan our gifts for those dear to us, asking ourselves "what would bring him happiness?" or, "what would give her the most joy?" let us ask "what is the best gift we can give to the Christ child this Christmas?

What does He want most?" And we shall remember that He desired a place in our hearts, which, like the inn at Bethlehem, are often so crowded there is no room for Him.

As we prepare our homes for guests who may come in during the festive season, let us first prepare our house of life. The inner meaning of Christmas must be the sacrament of Christ, coming anew into our lives. Casting out all foolish grudges and envies, selfishness and pride, every corner is made ready for His coming, and our hearts prepared to be a manger that will cradle this Child of Bethlehem. So, as our messages of love go forth one to another at this season of blessedness, may we remember that His message of love is for all seasons, and for each day that comes, and some day the gifts of love and peace among all men shall be as real as the gaily-list streets of today.

Prayer—

Our gracious and loving Father in Heaven, at this blessed season we are mindful of Thy love, in the coming to earth of Thy Son, our Saviour. Make us worthy to be called Thy children, and forgive us for our disobedient ways.

We would remember before Thee all those for whom we ought to pray; the lonely ones, the tempted, the sorrowful and the sick. May they look to Thee, who art ready and able to fill all our needs.

O Thou, who dids't come to earth a little babe, come into our hearts and there abide. May Thy Holy Spirit be with us at all times, to guide and direct us in Thy way. Take from our hearts all that would separate us from Thy love, and use us, Lord, as Thou wilt, and where and when, in spreading Thy Gospel of Love throughout the world. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Hymn 179—"Angels from the realms of glory . . ."

Benediction—

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

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DECEMBER

Oh holly branch and mistletoe,
And Christmas chimes where'er we go,
And stockings pinned up in a row
These are thy gifts, December!
And if the year has made thee old,
And silvered are thy locks of gold,
They heart has never been a-cold,
Or known a fading ember.

The whole world is a Christmas-tree,
And stars its many candles be;
Oh sing a carol joyfully,
The year's great Feast in keeping!
For once on a December night
An angel held a candle bright
And led Three Wise Men by its light
To find the Christ-Child sleeping.

(Selected)

OUR COVER PICTURE

WE ARE PRIVILEGED to have, as our Cover Picture for this Christmas month, a reproduction of the famous painting, "Adoration of The Kings," painted by the old-world Artist, Hans Holbein, the Elder, the original of which is one of the great art treasures of the Penakothek Museum, in Munich, Germany. Born in 1465, this brilliant Artist was but 59 years old, when he died in 1524, but his masterpieces then hung on the walls of all the famous Galleries of Europe, and the deep, rich colouring and balanced composition which characterized everything he did, remain undimmed to this day. His paintings are still admired and coveted by Art Connoisseurs all over the world. Except that he was the oldest of a talented family of Painters, and worked mainly in Augsburg, little is known about those early years, save the fact that he was married and well established as a Painter by the year 1493 — when he was just twenty-eight years old!

He is best known for his beautiful Altar Scenes depicting the lives of Christ and Mary, many of which hang in the ancient Churches of Europe to this day. It is said that his style resembles that of the early Flemish school, but a visit in 1501 to Frankfurt-on-Main in Germany, so influenced his artistic soul, that a changed style emerged, showing a greater depth of colouring, and more highly individualized figures in the groups he later painted. Our Cover Picture is one of his earlier works, however. Hans Holbein, the Younger was his son, and a worthy pupil of his great Father, who taught him all that he had learned through the years. This German Father and Son partnership of Painters, had great influence upon the artistic life of their time. The son, "Holbein the Younger," became most famous for the series of portraits of the many prominent Englishmen of his time, which are particularly noteworthy because of their keen and precise characterization of his subjects, as they posed for him. Two years after his Father's death, this "Holbein, the Younger," in 1526, went to England, where he became a great favourite of Henry VIII and in 1536 was appointed Painter to the King. There he did beautiful half-length court portraits, and special ones of Henry VIII himself and his different wives. Many of the exquisite miniatures of these beautiful, but unfortunate ladies, and of the King, which are now Art treasures in Museums and Art Galleries, are from the clever and facile brush of the brilliant son of Hans Holbein, the Elder, from whose creative hands and heart came the wonderful painting from which, in 1964, our Glad Tidings Cover Picture is reproduced. (L.M.C.)

Working Together As An Executive

by (MRS. T.) GLADYS PARTON

A member of the Adult Committee

"WITH THIS IN MIND, will you, the newly elected officers, endeavour to be faithful to the trust committed to you by this group? Will you try, to the best of your ability, to know our work and our workers, and in every way to further the cause you represent?

"Realizing your own insufficiency, will you rely upon God for light, wisdom, and strength, seeking this guidance and aid in all your work for Him? As an unfailing support, make the reading of your Bible a daily need for you." (Installation Service.)

With only one-third of our women participating in W.M.S. groups, Officers will realize the great responsibility laid upon them. Some Officers are called to these tasks for the first time. It is well to remember we have been "called." As we take up the challenge of the Risen Christ, it would be well to recall the promises we made at the "Installation Service." Set a specific time, do not let any interference hinder you from keeping your appointment with God. An excellent guide for devotions is the booklet "Every Day" prepared by our Church ministers. Come before God in prayer, wait on Him, and seek to be led by His Holy Spirit. In this way, as Officers, we can begin our work together.

Let me share with you some of the ideas our group has tried and found successful. You may find they will help your executive to work together.

As soon as possible, after the Installation Service, the Executive meets together — first of all to evaluate in order to improve, and then to plan the year's work. We work together by planning together. The President needs to feel the love and respect of her Executive and the group membership, and they, in turn, of the President.

Our Executive prefers to divide the group membership into small groups, with a leader for each, to facilitate the planning of programmes and communicating information concerning group activities. Close contact is better obtained with all members of the total group in this way, and it is easy to remind members of meetings or tell of any change in plans that sometimes occurs. The President, with the help of the Vice-President and Group Leaders, makes up the Programme Committee. The meeting, programme, and serving of refreshments, are divided, each group taking one or the other, never both at the same time. The business of the meeting is discussed by the President and Secretary. If they have received mail needing attention, or a matter concerning the whole membership, the Group Leaders are called, and they in turn inform their group.

The Executive tries to keep in mind the work of the whole Church. Each secretary is expected to assist where she can. The Welcome and Welfare secretary, whose service is visiting newcomers to the Church and district, and learning of their church connections, has a very important role in this respect. She works closely with the Minister, as she visits throughout the congregation, and keeps him informed about the people she visits. In our group, because the Welcome and Welfare secretary feels that the work of the Home Helpers secretary is closely related to what she is doing, she carries both offices. As she visits different homes in the congregation, she may find there are those who cannot attend the meetings for various reasons, but who would like to become Home Helpers, and join with us in prayer, and an offering, to help "Win the World for Christ." The "Glad Tidings" secretary is also a member of the visiting committee. While she seeks renewals and new subscriptions to the "Glad Tidings" she has an opportunity to visit with people in their homes. A word carefully spoken on behalf of our magazine, "The Glad Tidings," might bring a welcome blessing to many homes, and this we could all keep in mind. These visitors also try to keep the work of the Supply secretary in mind as they make calls. There are those who love to sew and knit. If they know their talent is needed and appreciated in this department of our work, no doubt they would gladly give of their time. We have a number of Home Helpers who serve in this way.

Our Literature secretary keeps the group up-to-date on new material available through the group library, seeing also that the suggested Study for the year has been ordered, and is on hand to begin study in the month of September.

An important enriching of the fellowship is the Family Night, planned by the Executive for all W.M.S. groups as well as other church groups. The Minister is most helpful with this evening, and has splendid ideas.

Once a year, we have a time of fellowship with all the ladies of the Church, and invite neighbouring Church groups. This often takes the form of a noon luncheon, in the early spring when everyone begins to feel tired of winter. We try to make this a bright get-together that offers an opportunity for Christian fellowship, through worship, and the opportunity to hear of the responsibility Christians have in Canada and other lands. The offering from such an occasion sometimes goes into the Life Membership Fund where it serves two purposes —it gives some worthy member a Life Membership Certificate or Honorary Membership and, too, the money goes into the General Fund of the Society.

We find it helpful for all secretaries giving monthly reports to keep the same, and use them in compiling a written report at the end of the year.

Thus, we work together for Christ's sake, rendering service as unto Him. As we read about the Officers in the "Handbook for Adult Group Executives," we see how inter-related the offices are, and how their duties overlap in some cases, and, in others, are largely dependent on the work of another Officer. This makes it very important for there to be a close contact between Officers, and an awareness on the part of each Officer of the important part she plays on this team — the Local Group Executive.

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

NO TAXIS AVAILABLE

by MISS ELSIE TAYLOR, R.N.

HAVE YOU HAD the experience of going to hospital, either for treatment, consultation, or admission? By what means of transportation did you get to the hospital? I expect that the most frequent answer that I would get would be, by private car; either one's own or a kind friend's. Others would say by taxi, while others may travel by public transport. A few would be taken to hospital by ambulance, but these are the unfortunate people who are either very sick, or have been involved in an accident, so the ambulance is only used in an emergency.

Now come with me to Eastern Nigeria, and in particular to Uburu. Getting to the hospital there is quite a different matter. Try to picture the environment. All roads into the hospital are dirt roads, and foot tracks. In the dry season, these roads, or footpaths, are good, and are no problem apart from being hot and dusty. But during the wet season it is quite a different picture. The rain comes down so hard and heavy that the water runs along these roads like rivers, and consequently washes away the soil, leaving either pot-holes or deep rifts, and sometimes causing the small bridges over gulleys and streams to collapse. The local councils are supposed to maintain the roads, but are not always diligent about it. The net result is that the roads are not always suitable for traffic.

So how do the people of Uburu and district get to the hospital? There are various ways. Many of them trek as far as four to six miles, with their loads of basins of food and firewood on their heads, or babies on their backs, and sometimes both. Many of our prenatal patients come from a distance of up to five or six miles to attend our Clinics, weekly or fortnightly. However, the most frequent means of transport is by "bicycle taxi." Patients come from a distance of up to 15 or 20 miles on the back of a bicycle, or, in the case of children, on the crossbar of the bicycle. The "bicycle taxi" is an ordinary cycle which has a sturdy carrier over the back wheel, on which the passenger sits sideways, keeping the legs and skirts free of the back wheel. I believe it is an illegal means of transport in Canada. But some of our older readers may remember travelling by this means before motor cars were so popular.

A few patients in these rural areas are fortunate enough to come in by car. These are friends or relatives of local chiefs who own a car, or perhaps one of the workers in the County Council Offices may own one, and they are called upon to convey a sick person to hospital. In fact, anybody who is known to own a car gets requests to help people. One of the local Catholic priests has frequently brought patients in his little Volkswagen, but he has had to start refusing, as he found that too many people were taking advantage of his goodness. He was out of pocket, as they were not willing to help pay for the transportation. Those of you who have a transportation allowance will understand how he feels. When I first came to Nigeria I spent a week with a Church of Scotland missionary and his wife. He was doing agricultural work, and she was running a small clinic. One day they received a request to go and see a small boy who could not walk, as he was too sick. So the missionary got into his land-rover to go and see the boy, and when he saw him he realized that he could not be treated at his wife's clinic, but would have to go to the hospital. This meant taking the boy many miles out of his way. Such a service is humanitarian, but how does one account for the miles in one's budget?

The equivalent here of the public transportation system, as we know it in Canada, is the transport lorry. It is a far cry from our more or less comfortable buses! Picture, if you will, a truck with seats in it; now fill it with passengers and their belongings — these include several yams, a sack of garry, some dried stock fish, maybe a bicycle, and perhaps some parcels to be delivered on the route. This is public transportation! Market days in Uburu bring many patients to see the Doctor in the Dispensary, as they can come in on these lorries — every eighth day being Big Market brings the most patients.

The other means of transportation to the hospital is by ambulance. We are fortunate in having been donated a second-hand, fully equipped ambulance, by a firm in Nigeria. Before we had this, we would put a stretcher into our Landrover and go out to fetch the patient. We have all sorts of people coming in with letters of request, asking for help to get a relative to the hospital. We now employ a driver, so the nursing staff and the doctor do not need to leave the hospital as they did formerly—except for one nurse who accompanies the driver. These requests for transportation may occur at any time of the day or night, and the driver may be out as long as three hours at a time, depending on how far he has to travel for the patient, how far from the road the patient's house is, and what the condition of the road is. When I say, how far from the road the house is, I mean that sometimes the patient's compound can only be reached by a field path, and it may be up to one mile into the bush! The condition of the road may be such that it is impossible to reach one's destination. During the rainy season, the roads are so muddy that the car is liable to get stuck, or skid into a ditch and have to be pushed out. One evening the car went out for a patient, and got stuck in a particularly muddy patch. The only thing to do was to enlist the help of the local inhabitants. It seems that ours was not the first car to be stuck there and the locals were finding it quite a lucrative affair, as they were charging for their services. They wanted £1 before they would push us out, and even though we told them that we were going for a sick person it made no difference. We had to be pushed back out, as we could not afford to pay on the return journey if we got stuck again, which was quite likely. On another occasion, the messengers assured us that their road was passable, but about six miles out we found a very precarious bridge, which was very risky to cross without turning the car on its side. It was suggested that the messengers take the stretcher and trek the rest of the way, but they did not agree. As there was no other road to take, we had to turn back, and nearly got stuck in a ditch in the process of reversing the car on the narrow road.

Taxis are another means of transportation, but not in the rural areas such as Uburu. They are available in the towns, and run between towns. Our nearest town is too far away to bring patients by taxi.

This is the picture as it exists to-day, but in a few years time this will be changed as there are rapid changes taking place in the country. The main roads are improving. Many now have good surfaces which, eighteen months to two years ago, were dirt roads. And more roads are being opened. A large Secondary School is being built quite near to Uburu so that the Government will provide good roads to it. The Councils in some areas are making real efforts to maintain their roads. However, we cannot say that our life at present is dull; we never know what each day holds in store for us!

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING!

THE FIELDS OF NOON—by Sheila Burnford

A thoroughly delightful and satisfying new book, written by the Author of "The Incredible Journey," the lovely book which is still at the top of the popularity polls! This one, too, is beautifully written, and filled with the joy and interest of everyday life and experience. It comes, as did her first book, from North-Western Ontario — around the Lakehead — and it consists of a collection of Essays, some comic, some poignant, some of country joys and simple treasures, but all shining with peace, beauty, and the keen perceptiveness of a brilliant mind and an understanding heart. Price $4.50.

RETURN TO THE RIVER—by Nan Shipley

This is another good Canadian book, whose subject-matter is indeed apropos to the widely-discussed situation of most of our Canadian Indians. Nan Shipley is a Canadian, of Scottish ancestry, and has written several books about the Indians in Manitoba. This one is about Nona, the daughter of non-treaty Indians, who had left their Reserve in order to give their children the same opportunities which other Canadian children enjoy as a matter of course. Nona, for a time, finds employment in Winnipeg, but eventually becomes discouraged, because she finds it so difficult to find acceptance among the people she would like to have for friends, and so she returns to the village home of her parents. The Author writes, with an understanding heart and pen, of the Indian people, as she knows them in their natural environment, but the old Chief of the Tribe, Nona's Grandfather, touches on the sad heart of the whole situation, when he says, "In some lands the Negro is segregated; in other lands, it is the Jew; in Canada, it is the Indian!" It is books, such as this one, which may help to change this unfortunate attitude between fellow-Canadians. A book well worth reading. Price $4.75.

THE TRIAL OF JESUS—by the Hon. James C. McRuer

This book is the result of many years of intensive reading and study, by the well-known legal authority, the Chief Justice of the High Court for Ontario, whose trained legal mind analyses and penetrates the meaning, background, and legal procedure of this crucial trial, which happened two thousand years ago. After careful perusal of the Gospels, ancient histories, and also the authenticated legal procedure of both the Jews and the Romans, Chief Justice McRuer gives his well-considered verdict — that Jesus was indeed unfairly tried by an illegal court, which was unable to carry-out the death sentence, but did succeed in forcing the Governor, already in disfavour in Rome, to comply with their demands. Mr. McRuer concludes his study by tracing the record of each person involved in this trial, and finds that every one eventually came to a grievous end. This is a most interesting, and thought-arousing book, on a subject which I have never seen analysed before. Price $2.50.

PRAYERS FOR WOMEN'S MEETINGS—
by Helen Kingsbury Wallace

Here is a well-thought-out and meaningful new book of Prayers, which would seem to fill the need, so often brought to us, for a book which can give help and inspiration when called upon to offer Prayer in a meeting, or to plan a Devotional Period for a meeting of almost any type. Miss Wallace is a talented Christian woman, whose educational work has been largely as Dean of Women in two Colleges; on the editorial staff of the Encyclopedia Americana; and as the author of two previous books. Included in the 122 pages are Prayers and Meditations for almost all occasions. Price — $2.75.

THE CREATIVE YEARS—by Reuel Howe

In this book, it is "middle life" which is considered the time of creativity — not youth, or early adulthood! The Author, who has been both Minister, Teacher, and Counsellor, says "The middle years are a time when we have a second chance for individual change and growth," — surely an inspiring and reassuring approach to the problem of "growing old!" Much common sense is found in the advice given from one who has had wide experience in hearing human problems, and helping troubled people. Here is a quick résumé of some of it — "to believe in love and its power to ennoble people; to place *persons* above things; to take responsibility for helping others to attain the best that God has for them; to deal with problems creatively and together; to do the work of God, and His Church, in factory, office, and home, as true agents of God's goodness and teaching." This is, of course, a book for mature readers, and it holds many keys to happiness, progress, and development in those most important "middle years." Price $3.95 — cloth; $2.25 — paper.

A TRAVELLER IN ITALY—by H. V. Morton

A new Travel Book by this outstanding writer of so many fascinating world-travel volumes, is a real find for anyone — maybe just to borrow from the Library; maybe to cherish among your own precious books, or, best of all, for that hard-to-find gift for some travel-loving friend who already "has everything!" This book takes one exploring into such lovely cities as Milan, Rome, Florence, Venice, with their heritage of long years of culture and old-world history, in that delightfully intimate and informative way which is Morton's alone. With him, you go, also, into the less-known, unusual places of northern Italy — meeting people, joining in fiestas, learning of folklore and customs, and picking up all sorts of curious and unusual information — in short, finding oneself really a part of that old land of beauty, culture, charm, and legend. Expensive? Yes! But I could not imagine a more appreciated gift — for the right person — and I just want you to know about it! Price —$7.95.

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GIFTS FOR CHILDREN — LARGE OR SMALL!

A REALLY nice Christmas-gift book for as little as thirty-five cents? Yes, indeed — and our Publications Department has a splendid series of these, called "The Mary Miller Series," which are true treasure-trove for those who are seeking inexpensive gifts to help fill empty stockings, or to bring unexpected joy to some wistful child, who might otherwise be over-looked! These are the Titles, and each book is colourful, beautifully illustrated, and well written — *"Jesus Came*; *Stories Jesus Told*; *Jesus, The Healer*; *People Jesus Met*; *Jesus, The Shepherd; Jesus and His Friends; Followers of Jesus*; and *Adventure for Jesus."* "The Bible Hero Series," well illustrated smaller books for the smaller folk, cost even less — a mere fifteen cents each — *"Stories of Daniel; Peter; Paul; Moses; Joseph; Women of The Bible; Stories of Jesus from His Birth to Resurrection."* Excellent gifts from the Leader of a Sunday School Class or Church Group! We have also a fine little book of *"Christmas Carols and Songs,"* which costs but twenty cents, and this, too, is brightly illustrated.

For older children — and for older folk, also, who like to know about people, and really enjoy an easy-reading biography — the "Stories of Faith and Fame" Series, all edited by Cecil Northcott, and written by specially chosen, competent Authors, are excellent value at One Dollar, cloth-covered, with good paper and nice-sized type. There is a remarkable range of Titles in this Series — actually a real educational reading course, about outstanding men and women of the world, who have accomplished amazing things! I have just finished reading *"Conqueror of Darkness,"* the Story of Helen Keller, and have thoroughly enjoyed every word of it. Others are — *"Trail Maker,"* the story of David Livingstone; *"White Queen,"* Story of Mary Slessor, of Nigeria; *"Horseman of The King,"* the Story of John Wesley; *"Lady With A Lamp,"* Story of Florence Nightingale; *The Flying Doctor,"* the Story of the Flying Doctor Service of Australia; *"Angel of the Prisons,"* Story of Elizabeth Fry; *"The Monk That Shook The World,"* Story of Martin Luther; *"Young Man In A Hurry,"* Story of William Carey; *"To Be A Pilgrim,"* Story of John Bunyan; *"Makers of the English Bible,"* the story of the Bible in English; *"Wizard of The Great Lake,"* Story of Alexander MacKay; *"Golden Foot,"* Story of Judson, in Burma; *"King Among Cannibals,"* Story of James Chalmers; *"Friend Of The Chiefs,"* Story of Robert Moffat." All priced $1.00.

There are some outstandingly good adventure books for boys in "The Buckskin Books Series," all Canadian in background, and, as a rule, in authorship. The latest one is *"Lukey Paul From Labrador,"* a prize-winning book by Adelaide Leitch, which is rich in atmosphere and interest, involving as it does the famous Dr. Grenfell, who gave so much of himself in healing, kindness, and goodness to the fisher-folk of the Labrador Coast. *"The Man With Yellow Eyes,"* by Catharine Anthony Clark, of Vancouver Island, is a claim-jumping story of the Canadian Kootenay district, and thrilling enough for any lad. So is *"The Scout Who Led An Army,"* by the late Lereine Ballantyne, a dear friend of my own for many years. This book was finished just before her death, and is an exciting story of the War of 1812. *"The Boy and The Buffalo,"* by Kerry Wood, of Red Deer, Alberta, tells of an Indian boy, befriended by a herd of Buffalo, when he was lost on the vast prairies. Any book of this Series costs $1.50, and there are many from which to choose.

Other stirring adventure books are *"The Canal Builders,"* by John M. Bassett, the story of two teen-age boys, living along the site of the first

Welland Canal, who learn of local scheming against the builders of the Canal, even planned acts of violence, and, armed by this knowledge, they help to prevent this, and to see the Canal triumphantly finished. Price $2.50. *"The Golden Feather,"* by Robert L. Pharis, is the story of a teen-age boy and girl, who are captured by a bad Indian of the Blackfeet tribe; of their many adventures and experiences during their captivity, and eventual dramatic escape. A thrilling story, either for boys or girls—Price $4.25. *"Sam's Secret Journal,"* by Elizabeth Yates, is a fine book, too, which reveals the secrets of an everyday boy's thoughts and living, and also the impact of his developing understanding of his Christian faith, and what it can mean, both to himself and those around him. Price $3.50.

The Henty Books have delighted generations of young folk, and still do! *"Under Drake's Flag"* is a particularly good one — Price $1.25. *"The Ruby Ring,"* by Mrs. Molesworth, is the story of an unwanted present, which became a magic thing in the life of young Sybil. Price $1.50. Older girls will like *"The Treasure of the Isle of Mist"* — (Skye), by W. W. Tarn, the story of a strange gift "The Search of the Isle of Mist," whose clue was an ancient red copper bangle. What *was* the treasure? To answer that would spoil the story! Price $1.25. And finally — two lovely books for Wee Ones! *"My Best A.B.C. Book,"* by S. Pickett, illustrated with animal wood engravings, first produced at least 150 years ago by the Artist, Thomas Bewick — Price $2.00. The other one, "A.B.C.", costs more, but is beautiful, with each letter done, by Brian Wildsmith, in vivid, glowing colours. Price — $3.25. (L.M.C.)

(*All of these books may be ordered from the Publications Department, Women's Missionary Society* (*W.D.*), *Presbyterian Church in Canada, Room* 800, 100 *Adelaide St. W., Toronto* 1, *Ont.*)

The Teen Years

OPERATION BEAVER

by WILMA WELSH

"PLEASE PASS me up a hammer and some nails!" This was a familiar request, during the month of July, while Canada's first Ecumenical Work Camp, known as Operation Beaver, was in progress. Operation Beaver was sponsored by The Canadian Council of Churches and was held at the Split Lake Indian Mission in northern Manitoba.

Our group of seven girls and fourteen boys represented several countries, and included thirteen Canadians, five of whom were Indians, and eight young people from England, Japan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Tanganyika, and the United States. I was the only Canadian Presbyterian.

The main purpose of this Work Camp was to construct a new Church building, while, at the same time, providing a means whereby Canadian young people, both Indian and non-Indian, might come to know and understand each other better. Many Indian young people are now leaving the Reserves to live and work in the city. They need to be understood, and accepted, by their fellow Canadians if they are to lead happy and useful lives within a new environment. It was also felt that this Camp would provide an opportunity for the delegates from other countries to get a wider view of Canada.

On June 30th we met in Winnipeg, at St. Luke's Anglican Church, for three days of orientation. We were billeted in the Church, where we slept on our air mattresses and meals were served by ladies from the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Churches in Winnipeg.

During this orientation period we visited the Presbyterian Fellowship House, a home-away-from-home for Indian students studying in Winnipeg; the United Church Settlement House, a home for transients, where anyone from a new-born baby to a pensioner may stay from one night to two weeks; the Roman Catholic Fellowship House, known as Bosco Centre, where Indians of the Roman Catholic faith may come to worship and share in discussions. Of the 6,000 Indians in Winnipeg, the majority are Roman Catholic.

We were taken to the Government-sponsored Indian-Metis Friendship Centre. This is a fellowship house where young people can gather to watch T.V., dance, or hold discussions. While we visited the Centre, the Indian boys showed us the very colourful "Pow-wow". To help us understand the Indian-Canadian, and the problems he is facing in the city, we were taken into the home of an Indian who is torn between staying in the city, or returning to his reserve. As the orientation period concluded, we were conscious of the fact that we were going to Split Lake to work "with" the Indian, not "for" him.

On July 4th "the Beavers", as we were known, left Winnipeg for Kenora, where we boarded an amphibious aircraft for the north. On the way to Split Lake, we stopped at Thompson, Manitoba, where the group was welcomed by the Anglican Minister. Members of his congregation took us into their homes for dinner, and afterwards we were taken on a tour of this recently-developed mining town.

When we reached Split Lake, our aircraft landed in the water and the people from the community rushed out in their canoes to take us ashore.

Split Lake is a community of about 400 Cree Indians, on the Nelson River, about 420 air miles north of Winnipeg. By the Indians' own choice, the Anglican Church is the only denomination that has been permitted to work there. Cree is the native tongue spoken, although now, as a result of English-speaking school teachers, many of the people understand and speak English. There is a three-room school house on the reservation, a nursing station, and one store, the Hudson's Bay Company.

The Rev. Steven Beardy, the Anglican deacon at Split Lake, and Mr. Douglas Browne, a Welland, Ontario, High School teacher, were the co-directors of the camp, with Mr. Bruce Edwards, an engineer from Toronto, as the work supervisor. The present Church building was approximately 80 years old. About eight years ago, the Indians themselves had poured the foundation for a new building and had made an attempt to erect it several times, but, due to lack of the necessary supervision, little progress had been made.

Most of us began this project with very little, or no, technical knowledge, but at the end of the four weeks the basic structure had been completed. The new building is approximately 33 feet wide, 60 feet long, and 25 feet high. We had to leave without applying the finishing touches, but trusted that the people of the Community would do this after we left.

During our stay at Split Lake, we lived in tents on the Reserve and ate our meals at the Indian Council House. From the beginning of the project, the young people were quite enthusiastic about helping, and we encouraged the adult members of the community to work along with us too. In addition to the construction work, we also shared in Worship and Study programmes which were held in an Indian home. The Indian people taught many of "the Beavers" the art of jigging and square dancing, and we all enjoyed several baseball games.

On August 1st, scarcely ten minutes before the Bishop arrived for the Thanksgiving Service, the steeple cap was put in place, and the furniture quickly moved from the old building to the new one. During the Service a hammer, square and hard hat were dedicated as symbols of our work. Each of "the Beavers" was presented with a pair of mocassins made by the women of the local W.A. Our experience at Split Lake came to an end as we joined in singing the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds".

Operation Beaver was a tremendous experience for every delegate. I hope that many young people will have the opportunity to attend a similar Work Camp in years to come.

(Note: If you are between the ages of 19 and 30, and interested in attending an Ecumenical Work Camp somewhere in the world next summer, information is available through The Canadian Council of Churches, 40 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto 7, Ontario.)

Boys and Girls!

GREEN MITTENS

GREEN MITTENS lay on the counter in the Department Store close beside his brothers and sisters. Some were red, some blue, while others had fancy designs on the back that jingled every time they moved.

"I wonder who will buy me," said Green Mittens to the red ones lying next to him. "Will it be a little boy who will love and care for me? Or will it be a child who will be careless, and may throw me in the mud?"

"Maybe a grandmother will buy you," answered the red mittens hopefully, "and give you away for Christmas. I am sure some child will like the tinkle of your bells."

Green Mittens looked around the store. Men and women, boys and girls, passed the counter, stopping only to glance at the mittens and pass by. "I hope someone will buy me soon," said Green Mittens with a sigh.

Just then, Green Mittens felt someone touch him. He jingled his bells as loudly as he could. Someone turned him over and over. He felt his soft wool being rubbed between small fingers.

"This pair looks warm," said Jimmy to the lady at the counter. "I like the tinkling bells. How much do they cost?"

"One dollar and forty-nine cents," replied the clerk.

"One dollar and forty-nine cents," repeated Jimmy counting out the money carefully from his wallet. "I'll take them."

Before Green Mittens knew what had happened, he was placed in a bag. It was dark inside, and soon he could feel a swinging movement as he was carried through the store and out to the street.

"I'm home," called Jimmy, as he slammed the door and ran to the kitchen to find his mother.

"What did you buy," asked his mother, looking at the bag in Jimmy's hand.

"I bought Green Mittens," answered Jimmy, "and they have bells on the back."

His mother smiled, "You have saved a long time for these mittens. Let's see if we can find a pretty ribbon to tie around them."

"That's a good idea," said Jimmy, "then I can hang them on the tree."

The next morning Jimmy proudly carried Green Mittens to Church. As soon as he arrived, he ran to the tree in the corner of the room. The little bells rang merrily as Jimmy tied the Green Mittens to a branch. Green Mittens peeked around the branch, and to his surprise saw some of his brothers and sisters hanging on the tree.

Green Mittens felt very happy as he looked around the Church school room. When anyone came near the tree his bells jingled merrily. But Green Mittens still didn't know what was going to happen to him. That morning the teacher talked to the children about sharing, but Green Mittens wasn't sure what she meant.

After Church School was over Green Mittens was taken from the tree and packed in a box with all the other mittens. It was dark and they were packed so tightly they were unable to move. Even the bells on Green Mittens' back couldn't jingle.

After a long time the day came when the box was opened. Green Mittens looked around. There were many children with expectant faces looking into the box. A smiling lady put her hand in and began to pass out the mittens. At last it was Green Mittens' turn. His bells jingled happily as he looked into the face of a little boy. Green Mittens felt rough, cold hands slip into his warm wool.

"The boys and girls who sent the mittens must really love us," said the little boy. "I like these mittens and especially the tinkle of the bells."

It was then that Green Mittens began to understand what the lady at the church meant, when she talked to the children about sharing.

(Adapted)

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Are you looking for a Gift —
One that is new every month of the year,
Yet costs no more than a Dollar?
Look no further —
You have it in your hand
Right now!
How many "Glad Tidings" will you give
This Christmas-tide?

DID YOU KNOW?

—That the first phase of restoring Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of the most revered shrines of Christendom, has now been completed? A famed Greek architectural expert, Angelso Mallios, was in charge of the work, with a team of three other national architects assisting him, and fifteen master craftsmen working on the immediate repair of the dome over the church's main entry, which had suffered severely from earthquake and fire. This Greek expert has restored many of the ancient temples in Greece, and funds for the restoration of this ancient and historic Church — amounting to some million dollars — are being raised, in co-operation, by the various religious Communities which have a vital interest in this treasured old structure that means so much to all of them.

—The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which now figures so meaningfully in the Christmas observation in Jerusalem, was built originally during the reign of Constantine, the Great. The present church is largely the work of 12th and 13th century Crusaders, with many different additions and restorations of the last seven centuries. In 1927, the church was severely damaged by an earthquake; in 1949, by a fire; in 1954 by exceptionally heavy rains. Greek Orthodox; Armenian Apostolic; Latin Rite Roman Catholics; Ethiopian Coptic; Egyptian Coptic; and Syrian Orthodox groups, now occupy and control various areas of the interior of the church. Bitter conflicts have risen during the years between these various groups, and, in order to avoid these incidents, the keys to the old building are now in the hands of Moslem authorities.

(African Features.)

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LIKE A SEED!

The Christmas Spirit, like a seed
Is planted in the heart,
And all the longing world has need
For bud and growth to start.
Let Goodwill feed the fertile ground
And force the seed's increase
Till, flourishing the whole year 'round,
It flowers in world-wide Peace!

(Selected)

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

ALBERTA

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Press Secretary

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. A. D. MacLean, *Fort MacLeod,* the official delegate to the Annual Council Meeting in *Montreal,* gave an interesting account of the Anniversaries' Celebrations at the Meeting of this Presbyterial in June.

In August the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lethbridge,* met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Ireton, and, during the evening, Mrs. E. Mackinlay was presented with a gift from the W.M.S. Auxiliary, in appreciation of her valuable help to the Group during her stay in *Lethbridge.* The Rev. and Mrs. E. Mackinlay, and their son Brian are now residing in *Edinburgh, Scotland,* where Mr. Mackinlay is continuing his Theological studies.

The C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lethbridge,* commenced their Fall activities under the leadership of Mrs. Robertson and Miss Beatrice Paterson. Miss Anne MacKenzie Reg.N., the former Leader of the Group is leaving *Lethbridge* to live in *Calgary.* The good wishes of her friends in the C.G.I.T., and W.M.S. go with her to her new home.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Ruby Day presided at all sessions of the Annual Fall Rally of this Presbyterian, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* and Mrs. Kenneth Knight, of *Eckville,* conducted the Opening Devotions. Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Deaconess, presented the 1964 Budget, stressing the necessity of increased givings, in order to meet the needs of work to which the Society is already committed. The Afternoon session was a series of Workshops — Adult; C.G.I.T.; Explorer; C.O.C. and Leaders. On behalf of the Presbyterial, an "In Memoriam" Certificate was presented, by Mrs. C. J. Puzey, to the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, in honour of Mrs. Josephine Hanna, whose death occurred recently, and whose long, faithful service, both in Auxiliary and Presbyterial is lovingly remembered. Mrs. W. Kirkpatrick accepted the "In Memoriam," on behalf of the W.M.S. Auxiliary.

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REGINA PRESBYTERIAL—This Presbyterial has used a new and different approach to the extension work in 1964. Miss Jean Williamson, First Vice-President, on her world tour last year, visited many of our Mission Fields, meeting our

Missionaries, and the people with whom they work. This year, Miss Williamson is visiting each group in our Presbyterial, speaking and showing her excellent pictures. In this way, we feel it is possible to reach many more people than is possible by holding a Rally. The groups not visited in the Spring will be visited this Fall.

A Camp Week-End in June, planned by the *Regina* Presbyterial had to be cancelled, because of unfavourable weather. Instead, a Meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* at which the excellent report of the Anniversaries' Celebrations in *Montreal* was presented by Mrs. Ann Emslie, of *Qu'Appelle,* a delegate from *Regina* Presbyterial. Others attending the Anniversaries Celebrations were Mrs. S. J. Henderson, delegate from First Presbyterian Church, *Regina*; Miss Jean Williamson and Mrs. W. G. Smith, Visitors; Mrs. W. A. Wilson, Synodical delegate; and Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary for Saskatchewan.

While visiting in Regina Presbyterial, Miss Lily Simpson was Guest Speaker at a meeting of the Women's Association of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, *Regina.* The many members, and friends of the group were most interested as she told of her work for the W.M.S. in *India.* Miss Simpson also visited and spoke to the Women's Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Indian Head, Saskatchewan.* Miss Margaret Boyd, Miss Jean Smith, and Mrs. W. Givens Smith, accompanied Miss Simpson on this occasion.

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The first Fall Meeting of the Nellie Tweedie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Geraldton,* was a Supper Meeting at the home of Mrs. John Burns. President, Mrs. John Nelson, presided, and Mrs. W. Macordrum asked the Blessing. Gifts were brought in for the Bale, and an invitation was decided upon for Mrs. R. Miller to be Guest Speaker at the Thanksgiving Meeting. Mrs. N. Tweedie told how used postage stamps provided funds which the Leper Colony used to help support patients in the Colony, and asked members to save their used postage stamps for this good work. The Study Period, in charge of Mrs. W. S. Brydges, was given as a Radio Broadcast from *Jobat, India.* This dealt with the work of the Mobile Medical Units in *India,* and took the group on an imaginary trip made by one of these Units. Those taking part were Mrs. W. S. Brydges, Mrs. W. Makkreel, and Mrs. John Burns. The Meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — When

members of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial gathered to honour Miss Catherine Denholm, on the occasion of her recent marriage in *Scotland,* a Dessert Party was held at the home of Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones, Garfield Street, *Winnipeg*. Prior to going to *Scotland* on an extended trip, Miss Denholm had carried on as Deaconess in the down-town area of *Winnipeg,* under the auspices of this Presbyterial. Miss Denholm was the recipient of a gift from her friends of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial.

President, Mrs. A. H. McKay, presided at the Fall Thank-Offering of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Neville Phils. Mrs. J. Marnoch and Mrs. M. MacLean sang a duet, with organ accompaniment by Miss Isobel Andrew. Guest Speaker was Mrs. Austin Beattie, newly - appointed House Mother at the Winnipeg Fellowship House, who stressed the need, in this day and age, of our lives being truly Christ-centred. Miss Isobel Adam, Presbyterial Literature Secretary, announced that the Anniversaries' Packet, containing Miss Kennedy's three Theme Addresses, Dr. McMillan's Address, Miss Reith's Services of Worship, and the Script of the Dramatic Presentation, "In Christ's World" is still available. Mrs. J. W. Elliott gave the Prayer for the Women's Missionary Society; Mrs. Diby Wheeler moved the Vote of Thanks, the Rev. Neville Phils closed the Meeting with prayer. Refreshments and a Social Hour were enjoyed following the meeting.

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — At a Reception held in Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, Ridgetown, honouring the Rev. and Mrs. Donald MacInnes on their retirement, the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries presented Mrs. MacInnes with an Honorary Membership. The C.G.I.T. group shared in the presentation by adding a bar to her Life Membership Pin. Mrs. MacInnes is currently President of Hamilton and London Synodical.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Thorold* at their first Fall Meeting, honoured two of its members with Life Membership Certificates and Pins, in loving memory of Mrs. Robert Whyte, who passed away in September, and who was a devoted Life Member of the Society. The Presentation was made, by Mrs. Wm. Wight, of *New Zealand,* a daughter of the late Mrs. Whyte, to Mrs. Fred Campbell and Mrs. James Nicol. Mrs. Hugh McPherson spoke briefly on the years of faithful service given by Mrs. Whyte, and of her fine example to members of her W.M.S. Auxiliary.

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL—President, Mrs. E. McClung, *Elmvale,* presided at the Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Barrie.* The Devotional Period was led by Miss H. Nugent and Mrs. J. McGuire, of *Orillia.* The May Rally will be held in *Stayner.* Sectional Meetings were held in *Meaford*; *Alliston*; *Penetang*; and *Port Carling*; with Mrs. John C. McFarlane, Past President of *West Toronto* Presbyterial, the Guest Speaker at each.

EAST TORONTO—Mrs. L. W. (Mildred) Gehman, Reg. N., of *Vellore, South India,* was the Guest Speaker at the Semi-Annual Meeting of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, in Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* Secretarial Reports and comments on the yearly Reports from the 1963 W.M.S. Blue Book, filled the morning session, and after Lunch, served by the Calvin ladies, the Presbyterial Presidents presented their Reports, and further comment and discussion of the 1963 Blue Book took place. President, Mrs. Fred Black, presided at all sessions.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Devotions were conducted by Mrs. F. Gamble and Mrs. G. Henry, at the Executive Meeting of *Orangeville* Presbyterial, in Erskine Presbyterian Church, *Dundalk.* A Sectional Rally was held in October, with Meetings held in *Markdale* and *Waldemar.* Mrs. V. Turner was elected Secretary for Children's Groups, succeeding Mrs. T. Maxwell, who is leaving this area, and a Work Shop was planned for Leaders of Children's Groups. Mrs. R. D. Fraser, Past President of *Orangeville* Presbyterial was presented with flowers and a framed Address, in appreciation of her many years of service to this Presbyterial. Mrs. S. McNeilly, *Orangeville,* and Mrs. F. Gamble, *Waldemar,* made the Presentation.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) was Guest Speaker at the Fall Rally of the Presbyterial, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Port Hope*, and Mrs. W. H. T. Fulton, *Port Hope,* acting President, presided at all sessions, and also gave the Call to Worship. Mrs. C. A. Eby welcomed some 83 delegates, and Greetings from the Presbytery were brought by the Moderator, the Rev. A. M. Duncan, of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Peterborough.* The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. R. J. Thompson, Mrs. G. Armstrong, Mrs. S. Fields, and Mrs. G. E. Graham, of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Millbrook.* Mr. C. Harvey and Miss Susan Dayman were in charge of music, and Mrs. B. Broadbent was Soloist. Reports of the Secretaries were received, and it was announced that the Annual Meeting of Peterborough Presbyterial will be held in January at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. *Peterborough.* Mrs. R. J. Randall, *Cobourg,* reported the Anniversary Celebrations in *Montreal,* and Mrs. W. H. T. Fulton introduced Mrs. Curr, the Guest Speaker, who in her Address, "Why Missions?", gave a comprehensive picture of W.M.S. work, both National and Overseas. Mrs. A. W. Allan, *Havelock,* dedicated the Offering, and Mrs. A. E. Toombs, of *Campbellford,* gave the closing Prayer. Luncheon was served by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the hostess Church.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Harriston,* had Miss Margaret Ramsay, on furlough from her work in *British Guiana,* as Guest Speaker when they held a Service to commemorate the two Anniversaries of the W.M.S. in Canada. Mrs. F. F. Homuth presided and Mrs. Wilkie conducted the Worship Service, and introduced the Guest Speaker. The C.G.I.T. Group, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of C.G.I.T., joined in the Service of Worship, and were presented with Chevrons, by the Girls' Work Secretary, Mrs. Calder, assisted by Miss Ramsay. A Quartette — Mrs. Homuth; Mrs. Richardson; Mrs. Stevens; Mrs. Calder — sang. Many guests from other Churches of Saugeen Presbytery were present, and, following the Benediction, given by the Rev. Mr. Wilkie, enjoyed an hour of Social Fellowship, and refreshments.

Many guests were present at the Thank - Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Swinton Park* when Miss Marjory Arnott, of *Haiti* was Guest Speaker, and her adopted daughter sang in three languages. The Explorers also sang an Anthem.

Members of seven W.M.S. Auxiliaries were present when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Conn,* marked the 100th and the 50th Anniversaries of the W.M.S. in *Canada.* Mrs. K. Eccles presided, and Miss Pauline Brown, on furlough from the *Bhil Field*, was Guest Speaker. Mrs. W. D. Coutts, an active member since 1903, gave the Auxiliary History, and later cut the Anniversary Cake. Mrs. C. Wagner, also one of the oldest active members, lit the candles on the cake.

An Anniversary Tea was held in the Church School room of *Holstein* Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. C. Watson welcomed 75 guests, and some of the members wore old-time costumes. Three of the older members — Mrs. N. Dodds, Mrs. I. Leith; Mrs. B. Brebner—with Mrs. A. N. Reid, wife of the Minister, poured tea.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — "Be strong and of a good courage" was the theme of the Fall Rally of this Presbyterial in Dufferin Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when President Mrs. S. A. Milne, presided, and Devotions were led by members from *Clarkson, Chalmers Church, King City,* and *Weston.* The Rev. H. E. Orsbern, Minister of the Church, was the Afternoon Guest Speaker, and Mr. John Murray, Business Manager and Treasurer of the *Bhil Field, India,* and Mrs. Murray were Speakers at the Evening Session, telling of their work, and showing interesting slides of the Bhil country and people.

Greetings were brought by the Rev. F. R. M. Anderson, M.A., Moderator of West Toronto Presbytery; Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, wife of the Moderator of the 90th General Assembly; Mrs. A. S. Curr, Council Executive President; the Rev. Minnie Lee, lady Minister from Formosa; Mrs. A. H. Dancey, Vice-President, Toronto-Kingston Synodical; Mrs. G. Lawrence, Recording Secretary, East Toronto Presbyterial, and Mrs. Grace Tsai, Secretary of the Women's Committee, General Assembly of the Formosa Presbyterian Church, who is now at Ewart College taking further theological studies. "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," was a feature presentation, and Mrs. Rhoda Geggie, of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* gave a humorous Monologue "How *Not* To Prepare a Programme." Music was supplied by the Dufferin Church Choir, and Mrs. J. Arbuckle, and Mrs. B. Slater, of Humber Heights Presbyterian Church, sang a duet.

The Annual Meeting of Section 3 of this Presbyterial was convened by Mrs. J. H. Weylie, *Streetsville,* and Mrs. F. L. Thompson, *Georgetown.* Devotions were led by Mrs. W. Sandals, *Brampton,* and the Theme was "Faith Without Work Is Dead."

The Annual Afternoon Tea of the Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Port Credit,* was attended by the Home Helpers, who were special Guests.

The Rev. Rodger Talbot and Mrs. Talbot, on furlough from *Tokyo, Japan,* were Special Guests at the Evening Thank-Offering Meeting of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* President, Mrs. O. J. Davies, presided, and guests were welcomed by Miss Mary Wardlaw and Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry. Mrs. Doreen Mallory, Contralto Soloist of the Church Choir, sang twice during the evening, accompanied by Mr. Wallace Thurston, the Church Organist. The Rev. Mr. Talbot since 1959 has been Ecumenical Affairs Secretary for the Korean Christian Church in Japan and in his Address "Among The Koreans in Japan," gave a graphic picture of Japan and its age-old culture, and the position of the Koreans in that land, who, being "foreigners," with no homeland to which they can return, are always "displaced persons," who never can become citizens of Japan, or participate in the benefits of government help to which Japanese citizens are entitled. Despite this, they are a courageous people, with strong Christian faith and many Churches, well supported. Mrs. Talbot told of the work there of our two W.M.S. Missionaries — Miss Tamiko Nakamura and Miss Mavis Hyndman. The Speakers were introduced by Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, and the Rev. Charles Boyd, B.A., moved the Vote of Thanks. The Thanksgiving Service of Worship, prepared for "The Glad Tidings" by Mrs. L. B. Beath, was conducted by Mrs. O. J. Davies assisted by Miss Ethel Brown; Mrs. Norma Cowan; Miss Florence Ritchie; Mrs. H. S. Evans and Mrs. R. P. McLean. Mrs. Charles Boyd officiated at the tea-table and a Social Hour was enjoyed following the Meeting.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The 50th Anniversary Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Iroquois,* with the theme "Deepening Our Discipleship." Presbytery Greetings were extended by the Rev. J. J. Hibbs, and Mrs. E. Anderson and Mrs. E. Munro reported the Anniversaries' Celebrations in *Montreal.* Mrs. Grace Tsai, of *Formosa,* an honoured guest at the Centennial, was Guest Speaker, and in her Address told how her Grandfather had been taught by the Rev. George Leslie MacKay, the pioneer Presbyterian missionary from *Canada* to *Formosa,* many years ago.

The Home Helpers were special guests when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Spencerville,* met in the home of Mrs. Frank Dobbie, *Johnstown,* with Mrs. R. Wright presiding. The Programme, convened by Mrs. F. Gillespie consisted of readings on the Theme— "Friendship" and highlights from "The Glad Tidings." A Pot-Luck Supper and Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Executive Meeting of Glengarry Presbyterial was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall,* with President, Mrs. J. McCleverty presiding. Mrs. W. L. McLellan conducted the Devotional Period. The January Annual Meeting was planned, and the highlight of the Meeting was the discussion on ways and means of reducing the W.M.S. deficit. The feeling was strongly expressed that with every member co-operating, this deficit could be wiped out in a very brief time.

Mrs. L. Clingen presided, and 23 members were present, when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Martintown,* met at the home of Mrs. C. Campbell. The Devotional Period was given by Miss Lila Robertson, Mrs. S. Blackadder, and Miss Clara Murray. Mrs. Harvey

McMillan, assisted by several members, gave the Study Period; Mrs. D. Christie gave highlights from "The Glad Tidings;" Mrs. Kenneth McRae reported on the Bale. A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial took place in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, *Snow Road,* with Miss Dorothy Dodds presiding. Miss Isabel Taylor, of *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker, and told of her thirty-three years of service in that land, and of the promotion of Christian teaching through music. Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie, brought Greetings, and others taking part were Mrs. W. A. Brunton; Mrs. M. R. Kerr; Mrs. A. S. Kerr; Mrs. C. T. Styles; Mrs. Lloyd Clement.

Members and friends of the White Heather Mission Band, organized in 1887 by the late Mrs. Andrew Irving, *Pembroke* Presbyterial President at that time, met to observe the 75th Anniversary of this Organization — the first known such Anniversary in Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial. Two Charter Members, Mrs. J. J. Storie and Mrs. R. L. Phillips, are still living. Mrs. Garfield Millar was in charge of the Meeting, and Mrs. L. Lindsay welcomed the guests, and gave a brief history of the Band. Mrs. Clancy, *Arnprior,* brought Synodical Greetings and Mrs. John Jack presented Presbyterial Greetings. The Rev. Dr. N. C. Smith of *Montreal* was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. McKay, *Stewartville,* showed Movies of local interest. The children gave an excellent Programme — Janie MacGregor, Mackie and Marion McLaren, gave the Devotional Period; Bobby and Donnie Storie played a violin duet; Jimmie McGregor contributed a violin solo; Janie McGregor and Catherine McLaren gave a piano duet. Mrs. H. L. Philipps cut the Anniversary Cake.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL —The Afternoon, Evening, and Young Women's, W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Ephraim Scott Presbyterian Church, *Montreal*, met together to honour their Honorary President, Mrs. J. S. McBride, who leaves *Montreal* for *Chambly, Quebec,* where the Rev. J. S. McBride will assume new duties under the Board of Missions. Mrs. C. G. Wood conducted the Worship Period, and Mrs. E. Caldwell introduced the new Study — "Mission On Our Doorstep." A Life Membership was presented to Miss Lyla Hamilton, of the hostess Auxiliary, and Mrs. R. Rowat, Presbyterial President, gave the closing prayer. Mrs. E. T. Jeffrey, the only remaining Charter Member of the first W.M.S. Group formed in Ephraim Scott Church, and Mrs. Douglas Allan, for the Young Women's W.M.S. Auxiliary, expressed the appreciation of all members to Mrs. McBride, who after 19 years in *Montreal,* leaves many friends whose prayers go with her and her family in their new field of service. A welcome out-of-town guest was Mrs. N. R. Dunlop of *Carleton Place.*

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sherbrooke,* was hostess for the Rally of this Presbyterial, with delegates from *Asbestos, Danville, Scotstown, Sherbrooke, Milan,* and *Melbourne,* in attendance, and President, Mrs. Philip Boy, presiding. The Theme was "Dedication." Mrs. Laurison welcomed delegates; Mrs. Mouland brought Synodical Greetings; and the Rev. A. McCombie extended Greetings from *Quebec* Presbytery. A Panel Discussion, by delegates attending, reported the Synodical Meetings, and the Anniversaries' Celebrations were reported by Mrs. Mayhew and other delegates attending the *Montreal* Celebrations. Members of *Asbestos* W.M.S. Auxiliary conducted the Remembrance Service. Miss Dorothy McCombie, Deaconess for the Presbytery of *Winnipeg,* told of her work among the Indian people of downtown *Winnipeg,* stressing their need for Christian friendship, and our real responsibility for seeking to bring Christ into their lives.

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